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## R 5306 HEALTH SERVICES TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

- A. A Board of Education having nonpublic schools within the school district boundaries shall provide nursing services to **students** enrolled in a nonpublic school pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-23 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.5.
1. **The school district shall provide services to students who are enrolled full-time;**
  2. **Services shall be made available** only to **students** of a nonpublic school that provided to the Board of Education a report of the type and number of services provided during the previous school year;
  3. The provision of nursing services **shall include:**
    - a. Assistance with medical examinations including dental screening;
    - b. Screening of hearing;
    - c. **Maintenance of student** health records and notification of local or county health officials of any **student** who has not been properly immunized; **and**
    - d. **Scoliosis examinations of students between the ages of ten and eighteen.**
- B. The Board of Education shall provide for the extension of emergency care provided to public school **students** and to **full-time nonpublic school students** who are injured or become ill at school or during participation on a school team or squad pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16- 2.1(a)4.
- C. The Board of Education may provide additional services to those required under A. above under the following conditions:
1. Additional medical services may be provided **only** when all basic nursing services required under A. and B. above have been or will be provided;



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2. Additional medical services may include the necessary equipment, materials, and services for immunizing **from diseases for students** who are enrolled full-time in the nonpublic school as required by N.J.A.C. 8:57-4;
  3. Equipment comparable to that used in the school district may be purchased by the school district to loan without charge to the nonpublic school for the purpose of providing services under **N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.5**. However, such equipment shall remain the property of the district Board of Education; and
  4. Costs of supplies comparable to that used in the school district and transportation costs may be charged to the funds allocated for each participating nonpublic school provided **the costs** are directly related to the required basic nursing services and **the permitted** additional medical services.
- D. **Nursing services** shall be provided by a registered nurse licensed in the State of New Jersey who is an employee of the school district, a third-party contractor, or an independent contractor.
- E. The **nursing** services provided to a nonpublic school **students** shall not include instructional services.
- F. A nonpublic school may decline nursing services required **or permitted** under N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.5 by submitting to the Board of Education **notification** signed by the Chief School Administrator of the nonpublic school pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-29.
- G. A **student** who is enrolled in a nonpublic school and whose parent objects to the **student** receiving any services provided under N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.5 shall not be compelled to receive the services except for a physical or medical examination to determine whether the **student** is ill or infected with a communicable disease pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-30.
- H. The Board of Education shall consider the provision of health services based upon the following:
1. The funding for services shall be based upon the nonpublic school enrollment on the last school day prior to October 16 of the preceding school year;



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2. The provision of services shall be only to a **student** of a nonpublic school that provided to the Board of Education a report of the type and number of services provided during the previous school year; and
  3. The funds expended by the Board of Education for administrative costs shall be limited to the actual costs or six percent of the funds allocated for each participating nonpublic school, whichever is less.
- I. The Superintendent or designee shall confer annually with the administrator of the nonpublic school for the following purposes:
1. To advise the nonpublic school of the amount of funds allocated to **it** by the Department of Education or otherwise made available by the school district for the provision of health services for full-time **students** enrolled in the nonpublic schools;
  2. To agree on the basic health services **that shall** be provided and **the** additional medical services **that** may be provided as set forth in N.J.S.A.18A:40-23 et seq.;
  3. **If** the Superintendent or designee and the nonpublic school administrator cannot reach agreement regarding the health services and additional medical services to be provided, the County Office of Education shall provide assistance;
  4. To assure that each nonpublic school **that** receives nursing services has a copy of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-23 **through** 31 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2; and
  5. To assure **that** a description of the provision of nursing services is reflected in the school district's Nursing Services Plan.
- J. For the purposes of monitoring and recordkeeping, the Board of Education providing health services to nonpublic schools shall submit to the **Executive** County Superintendent on or before October 1 **annually the following information** and shall provide a copy to the Chief School Administrator of **each** nonpublic schools within school district boundaries:



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1. A written statement verifying that the required conference was held with the nonpublic school;
2. A copy of the contract with another agency to provide services, if applicable, and approved minutes of the Board of Education meeting approving the contract **that** describes the methods by which the health services **will be provided** to nonpublic school **students** for the ensuing year, including a rationale for the distribution of funds; and
3. A description of the type and number of services that were provided during the previous school year on a Commissioner of Education **approved form**.

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