

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

The board, being aware of the relationship of health to the total education process, realizes its responsibility under the law to help protect and improve the health of students.

To meet this responsibility, the school health services shall include the following:

1. Appraising the health status of pupils and school personnel.
2. Notifying and counseling pupils, parents, and others concerning the findings of health examinations.
3. Encouraging correction of defects.
4. Helping prevent and control disease.
5. Providing emergency service for injury and sudden illness.

Of necessity, the health services provided by nurses, doctors, and dentists, shall be limited largely to detection and prevention of health problems and emergency treatment.

School Physician

The board is required, under the law, to appoint a physician for the schools and to provide him/her with proper facilities to carry out his/her duties as prescribed.

The school physician shall perform all duties required of him/her by the laws of the state and the City of Augusta, including the following:

- Investigate the sanitary conditions of school buildings and the health of students.
- Investigate any cases of infectious or contagious disease among students, teachers, or others connected with the schools.
- Direct the closing of classes or school buildings as a result of sickness or for any other cause, and take other measures in connection therewith, such as disinfection, disposal of books and supplies used by pupils suffering from contagious disease, and placing restrictions upon teachers.

The school physician shall prepare, and the superintendent shall submit to the board for approval, rules governing the conduct of students and employees and the control of premises where contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases are diagnosed.

School Nurses

School nurses shall be responsible to the school physician. Under orders from the physician, they shall examine children daily for contagion in any class in which a contagious disease has been diagnosed, until the incubation period of that disease has passed.

They shall assist in holding preschool health clinics in early spring for the examination of children who will enter school the following fall and perform such other duties as may be directed by the school physician and the superintendent.

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LEGAL REFS: M.R.S.A. 20:1013; 20:1091; 20:1131-1138

Title 22:459; 22:904; 22:960-963

CROSS REFS: EGGA, First Aid

JECA, Admission of Resident Students

JEG, Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance

JHC subcodes (all relate to student health)

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