MEDICAL TREATMENT – PARENTAL CONSENT

A student's participation in any program that provides medical or dental treatment in a school setting shall require the explicit written consent of the child's parent or legal guardian.

The Superintendent will ensure that beginning of year forms and enrollment packets will include specific consent options for:

- 1. Screenings (including vision, hearing, scoliosis, and other screening);
- 2. Disclosure of student health status to school staff;
- 3. Authorization for providing medication (see Board policy JLCD, and procedures JLCD-R;
- 4. Non-emergency care or treatment;
- 5. Other specific consents the Superintendent, in consultation with the nursing staff, finds appropriate or necessary.

When a student signs up for a school co-curricular program or activity, the Superintendent will ensure that those students' parents/guardians provide consent for first aid, treatment, and screenings with respect to any injury or condition occurring as a result of the activity or that would potentially impact the student's ability to participate or return to play and or school. This consent form may be incorporated into the parent permission sheet that allows students to participate in extracurricular athletics. See Board policies JLCJA and JLCJ.

If a program that provides medical or dental treatment (e.g., "children's oral health initiative") is scheduled after the start of the school year and does not fall within the consent forms in the beginning of year forms and enrollment packets, the Superintendent or his/her designee will ensure that each student's parent/guardian provides written consent prior to their child's participation.

The Principal or his/her designee will be responsible for ensuring each student returns a copy of the signed consent form(s) and maintaining the forms in an accessible manner.

Legal References:

RSA 126-A:5, XIV-b: Consent to Medical and Dental Treatment in Schools

RSA 126-A:4-g, II: Children's Oral Health Initiative

RSA 200:27-a: Consent of Parent or Legal Guardian Required

RSA 21:2: Common Usage

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