

Summary of Selected School Health Mandates and Resources

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ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE MENINGITIS FACT SHEET

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-21.2 requires that school districts annually distribute the educational fact sheet on meningitis to parents or guardians of students entering sixth grade. The fact sheet is also available to private schools, although they are encouraged, but not required, to distribute the fact sheet. The fact sheet can be accessed and downloaded at www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/faq/meningococcal_faq.pdf.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF FACT SHEET ON HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV)

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-42 requires public schools to annually distribute a fact sheet about vaccination against HPV to parents or guardians of students in grade seven. Private schools are encouraged, but not required, to distribute the fact sheet. The fact sheet is available at www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/hpv_brochure.pdf.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF FACT SHEET ON SPORTS-RELATED CONCUSSIONS AND CONCUSSION MODEL POLICY GUIDANCE

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.3 requires each school district, charter school, renaissance school project, and nonpublic school that participates in interscholastic athletics to adopt by September 1, 2011, a policy concerning the prevention and treatment of sports-related concussions and other head injuries among student athletes. Information on the student athlete concussion policy and guidance is available at www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/chpe/concussions/.

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.2 requires public schools to distribute the annual educational fact sheet on sports-related concussion and head injury to the parents or guardians of students participating in inter-scholastic sports and cheerleading and to obtain a signed receipt. The fact sheet is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/chpe/concussions/fact.pdf>.

ANNUAL INSERVICE ABOUT ASTHMA

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.9 requires annual asthma education opportunities for teaching staff. The Pediatric/Adult Asthma Coalition of New Jersey provides support to schools regarding asthma requirements. Additional information can be found at www.pacnj.org.

ANNUAL INSERVICE ABOUT BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

Federal Occupational Safety and Health regulations require annual inservice training for school staff. *N.J.A.C.* 8:61-2 (New Jersey Department of Health regulation) requires public and nonpublic schools and day care facilities to establish policies and procedures for handling blood and bodily fluids, and policies and procedures for post-exposure management. Schools and day care facilities are required to provide training and appropriate supplies for all school personnel.

EPINEPHRINE TRAINING PROTOCOLS

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.6 requires that , in consultation with the board of education, school nurses designate and train school employees who volunteer to administer epinephrine when the school nurse is not physically present at the scene. Please note that licensed athletic trainers who volunteer are not in violation of the *Athletic Training Licensure Act*. Training Protocols for the Emergency Administration of Epinephrine, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:40-12.3–12.6, are available at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/services/epi.pdf>.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH

School districts are required to annually review the immunization records of all students, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:16-2.2(a), and it is the responsibility of the certified school nurse to review all immunization records under *N.J.A.C.* 6A:16-2.3(b)3v. The NJDOE provided additional information to schools regarding enrollment considerations for homeless and immigrant students on August 23, 2016. The broadcast memo can be accessed at <https://homeroom5.doe.state.nj.us/broadcasts/2016/AUG/23/15177/Enrollment%20Considerations%20for%20Homeless%20and%20Immigrant%20Students.pdf>.

Additional information about vaccines and recommended schedules is available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm.

JANET'S LAW

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41a through 41c requires public and nonpublic schools to have automated external defibrillators and to establish emergency action plans for responding to sudden cardiac events. The complete law can be accessed at http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/AL12/51_PDF.

For further guidance regarding Janet's Law, a Frequently Asked Questions document can be accessed at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/legislation/> under "Sudden Cardiac Arrest."

MEDICAL MARIJUANA ADMINISTRATION IN SCHOOLS

Pursuant to *P.L. 2015, c.158*, a recent amendment to the New Jersey *Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act (P.L. 2009, c.307)*, school officials must develop policies concerning the use and administration of medical marijuana in schools. The complete law can be accessed at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/legislation/158.pdf>.

The NJDOE provided additional information to schools on May 24, 2016. The broadcast can be accessed at <https://education.state.nj.us/broadcasts/2016/MAY/24/14964/Medical%20Marijuana%20Administration%20in%20Schools.pdf>.

NJ FAMILYCARE

Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(i)*, school districts are required to make accessible information regarding the NJ FamilyCare Program for students who are knowingly without medical coverage. For more information regarding the NJ FamilyCare program, please go to www.njfamilycare.org/.

SCHOLASTIC STUDENT-ATHLETE SAFETY ACT

The *Scholastic Student-Athlete Safety Act (P.L. 2013, c.71)* was signed into law to establish measures to ensure the health of student athletes in public and nonpublic schools.

For assistance regarding the implementation of the *Scholastic Student-Athlete Safety Act*, a frequently asked questions document is available at <http://www.nj.gov/education/students/safety/health/services/athlete/faq.pdf>.

To review related broadcasts, please go to <https://education.state.nj.us/broadcasts/2013/SEP/10/10206/Scholastic%20Student%20Athlete%20Safety%20Act.pdf> and <https://education.state.nj.us/broadcasts/2014/APR/29/11307/Scholastic%20Student-Athlete%20Safety%20Act%20Required%20Materials.pdf>.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1.1*, the appointed school physician, as a requirement of his or her contract, must complete the Student-Athlete Cardiac Screening professional development module and provide a copy of the certificate to the school. The professional development module can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/services/athlete/PDModule.shtml>.

SPORTS-RELATED EYE INJURIES

N.J.S.A. 18A: 40-41.9b requires each school district and nonpublic school to annually distribute the educational fact sheet on sports-related eye injuries to the parents or guardians of the students. The fact sheet can be accessed at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/SportsRelatedEyeInjury.pdf>.

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN YOUNG ATHLETES PAMPHLET

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:40-41c through d, school districts must distribute the *Sudden Cardiac Death In Young Athletes* pamphlet to each student-athlete and to the parents or guardians of the student-athlete. The pamphlet can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/services/cardiac.pdf> and the student-athlete and parent or guardian certification and sign-off sheet can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/services/SuddenCardiacDeathPamphletSignOffSheet.pdf>.

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SCREENING AND GUIDANCE

Guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health on the annual TB requirements, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:40-16 through 19, can be found at <http://nj.gov/health/tb/tech.shtml>, under "Schools" and "Frequently Asked Questions."