

**CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Office of the Superintendent of Schools**  
**106 Hancock Road, Peterborough, NH 03458-1197**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

February 18 2020

SAU Finch Room

6:00 PM

**Agenda**

**Committee Members:**

Rich Cahoon – Chair, Janine Lesser, Crista Salamy, Jerry Wilson, Stephan Morrissey, Katherine Heck, Tim Theberge

1. **Call to Order & Approval of January 21, 2020 Minutes**
2. **Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II (If Required)**
  - a) **Review of Sealed Minutes**
3. **The following policy will be submitted for a second read at the February 18<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting:**

GBCA: Staff Conflict of Interest

**The following policies will be submitted for a first read at the February 18<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting:**

- a) ADC, GBED, & JICG: Prohibitions Regarding Use and Possession of Tobacco products, E-Cigarettes, and E-Liquids In and On School Facilities and Grounds
- b) IHAMA: Teaching About Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco
- c) JLCFA: Feminine Hygiene Products

**Pending Policies:**

- a) IHCD Advanced Coursework/Advanced Placement Courses & Stem Dual & Concurrent Enrollment Programs. Identical policy is LEB
- b) IMGA: Service Animals -- packet includes our existing policy & a revise NHSBA version from 2018
- c) JLDBB: Suicide Prevention and Response – new priority policy

**Returning in March: not in this packet**

- d) GBEAB: Mandatory Code of Conduct Reporting – All Employees (we do not have this policy but it is a referenced policy in recently adopted JLF: Reporting Child Abuse)
- e) GBEBD: Employee Use of Social Networking Websites

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**Minutes**

**Committee Members:**

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Attendees: Tim Theberge, Janine Lesser, Rich Cahoon, Stephan Morrissey, Jerry Wilson, Katherine Heck, Crista Salamy

**1. Call to Order & Approval of January 7, 2019 Minutes**

**Rich Cahoon called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm**

**Motion to approve the January 7<sup>th</sup> Minutes made by Tim Theberge and seconded by Jerry Wilson.**

**2. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II (If Required)**

**a) Review of Sealed Minutes**

**None.**

**3. The following policy will be submitted for a first read at the January 21<sup>st</sup> School Board meeting:**

GBCA: Staff Conflict of Interest

**4. Returning for Further Discussion:**

- a) GBED: Prohibitions Regarding Use and Possession of Tobacco products, E-Cigarettes, and E-Liquids In and On School Facilities and Grounds. Identical policies include ADC & JICG, which are not part of this package

**ACTION: Incorporate edits and send all three policies for a first read at the February 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.**

- b) IHAMA: Teaching About Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

There is a new legal reference for this policy

**ACTION: Incorporate edits and sent for a first read for the February 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.**

- c) IHCD Advanced Coursework/Advanced Placement Courses & Stem Dual & Concurrent Enrollment Programs. Identical policy is LEB

**ACTION: Keep on agenda and bring back, along with the Distance Learning and Alternative Credits policies.**

## 5. New Policies/Discussion:

- a) IMGA: Service Animals -- packet includes our existing policy & a revised NHSBA version from 2018

The PES Principal raised the possibility of having a therapy dog available at their school, at no cost to the District. The teacher would be responsible for the dog in all aspects of care and behavior while in the building. They are looking to set up a pilot program. The recommendation is to hear the school out, with a final decision coming from the Education Committee. If the Board agrees with the Education Committee's decision, we would have to have a detailed policy in place before the fall, when the dog would be entering the school. We don't have much time. We have to involve Primex. Tim Theberge will get the MOU from Hancock Police. Will the responsible employee receive some type of stipend?

**ACTION: We will know more about this in March.**

JLCFA: Feminine Hygiene Products – new priority policy, new unfunded mandate:

**ACTION: Strike second paragraph and add "or designee" and send for a first read.**

- b) JLDDB: Suicide Prevention and Response – new priority policy; we have protocols in place and have started to implement them.

Get this on the regular calendar, this will have to go in the handbooks, with an annual review of the policy. We will need a list of the liaisons. This is not currently in anyone's job description. This policy is a little different than the statute. We should all read this. Reference to the statute for homework purposes.

**ACTION: Bring back for further discussion.**

## 6. Pending Policies:

- a) GBEAB: Mandatory Code of Conduct Reporting – All Employees (we do not have this policy but it is a referenced policy in recently adopted JLF: Reporting Child Abuse)
- b) GBEBD: Employee Use of Social Networking Websites

**Rich Cahoon adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.**

**Motion to adjourn by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Katherine Heck.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol Hills*

## GBCA – Staff Conflict of Interest

Employees shall not engage in, or have a financial interest in, any activity that raises a reasonable question of conflict of interest with their duties and responsibilities as members of the school staff. This includes but is not limited to:

1. Employees shall not participate for financial remuneration in outside activities wherein their position on the staff is used to sell goods or services to pupils or their parents.
2. Employees who have patented or copyrighted any device, publication, or other item shall not receive royalties for use of such item in the district schools, without expressed approval of the ConVal School Board.
3. Employees shall not engage in any type of work where the source of information concerning customer, client, or employer originates from information obtained through the school system, except as provided by the parents.
4. Pursuant to policies EHAB and EHB, school employees shall not solicit or sell for personal gain any educational materials or equipment in the attendance areas served by the school to which they are assigned. Nor shall any employee make available the use of obtained confidential information for personal gain.
5. Nor will any employees make available lists of names of students or parents to anyone for sales purposes, without expressed approval of the ConVal School Board.
6. Neither staff members nor members of their household shall engage in commercial transactions with the school district in an amount in excess of \$5000 per fiscal year, without the express approval of the School Board.
7. Employees shall not provide private standardized individually administered evaluations to students enrolled in the District.
8. Employees shall not provide private educational services to students enrolled in the District, except as set forth in Policy GCQAB, Tutoring for Pay.

### **Category: P**

See also GCQAB, GCQA

1<sup>st</sup> Read: January 21, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Read: February 18, 2020

Adoption:

# ADC – Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession In and On School Facilities and Grounds

State law prohibits the use of any tobacco product, E-cigarette, or liquid nicotine in any facility or upon any grounds maintained by the District. Students and minors are further prohibited from possessing such items in or upon any facility, school vehicle, or grounds owned or maintained by the District.

## A. Definitions.

These definitions shall also include any amendments to the referenced statutes as the same may be amended or replaced from time to time.

**"Tobacco product(s)"** means any product containing tobacco including, but not limited to, cigarettes, smoking tobacco, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipe tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and smokeless cigarettes, as well as any other product or item included in RSA 126-K:2, XI.

*"Device" means any product composed of a mouthpiece, a heating element, a battery, and electronic circuits designed or used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substance including, but not limited to, nicotine or cannabis. Device may include, but is not limited to, hookah, e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, e-hookah, as well as any other object or item defined in RSA 126-K:2, II-a.*

**"E-cigarette"** means any electronic smoking device composed of a mouthpiece, a heating element, a battery, and electronic circuits that **may or may not contain** nicotine **or e-liquid**. This term shall include such devices whether they are manufactured as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, or e-pipes, or under any other product name as well as any other product or item included in RSA 126-K:2, II-b.

**"E-liquid"** means any liquid, oil, or wax product containing, but not limited to, nicotine or cannabis intended for use in devices used for inhalation as well as any other substance included or defined in RSA 126-K:2, II-c.

**"Liquid nicotine"** means any liquid product composed either in whole or in part of pure nicotine and propylene glycol and manufactured for use with e-cigarettes, as well as any other product or item included in RSA 126-K:2, III-a.

**"Facility"** is any place which is supported by public funds and which is used for the instruction of students enrolled in preschool programs and in all grades maintained by the District. This definition shall include all administrative buildings and offices and areas within facilities supportive of instruction and subject to educational administration, including, but not limited to, lounge areas, passageways, rest rooms, laboratories, classrooms, study areas, cafeterias, gymnasiums, maintenance rooms, and storage areas.

## B. Students

No student shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or use any tobacco product, **device**, E-cigarette, **E-liquid**, or liquid nicotine in any facility, in any school vehicle or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

Enforcement of the prohibition against students shall initially rest with building principals, or their designees, who may also report any violation to law enforcement, for possible juvenile, criminal or other proceedings as provided under state law. Additional consequences may be administered pursuant to printed student conduct rules.

## ADC – Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession In and On School Facilities and Grounds

### C. Employees

No employee shall use any tobacco product, **device**, E-cigarette, **E-liquid**, or liquid nicotine, in any facility, in any school vehicle or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

Initial responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with building principals, or their designees. Any employee(s) who violate(s) this policy is subject to disciplinary action which may include warning, suspension or dismissal. Violations may also be referred to appropriate law enforcement and/or other appropriate agencies for criminal or other proceedings as provided under state law.

### D. All other persons

No visitor, contractor, vendor or other member of the public, shall use any tobacco product, **device**, **E-cigarette**, **E-liquid**, or liquid nicotine in any facility, in any school vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

The building principal(s), and where appropriate, other site supervisor (athletic director, vehicle driver, etc.), or their designee(s), shall have the initial responsibility to enforce this section, by requesting that any person who is violating this policy to immediately cease the use of tobacco products, E-cigarette or liquid nicotine. After this request is made, if any person refuses to refrain from using such products in violation of this policy, the principal, site supervisor, or designee may call contact the appropriate law enforcement agency(ies) for possible criminal or other proceedings as provided under state law.

### E. Implementation and Notice - Administrative Rules and Procedures.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative rules and procedures to implement this policy. ~~which rules and procedures may be building level and/or district wide. Rules and procedures relating to student violations and resulting disciplinary consequences should be developed in consultation with building principal(s).~~

The Superintendent, working with the building principal(s), shall provide annual notice to employees, students and parents of the pertinent provisions of this policy (e.g., student or staff handbook) along with applicable administrative regulations and procedures, which may include prescribed consequences for violations of this policy. Such notice should include information that violation of this Policy could lead to criminal or other such proceedings.

Signs shall be placed by the District in all buildings, facilities and school vehicles stating that the use of tobacco products is prohibited.

### Legal References:

*RSA 155:64 – 77, Indoor Smoking Act*

*RSA 126-K:2, Definitions*

*RSA 126-K:6, Possession and Use of Tobacco Products by Minors*

*RSA 126-K:7, Use of Tobacco Products on Public Educational Grounds Prohibited*

**Category: Priority-Required by Law**

## **ADC – Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession In and On School Facilities and Grounds**

***See also: ADB, GBED, GBEC, JICG, & JICH***

*First Read: ~~March 19, 2019~~ February 18, 2020*

*~~Second Read: April 2, 2019~~*

*~~Adopted: April 2, 2019~~*

# GBED – Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession In and On School Facilities and Grounds

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*"Device" means any product composed of a mouthpiece, a heating element, a battery, and electronic circuits designed or used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substance including, but not limited to, nicotine or cannabis. Device may include, but is not limited to, hookah, e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, e-hookah, as well as any other object or item defined in RSA 126-K:2, II-a.*

**"E-cigarette"** means any electronic smoking device composed of a mouthpiece, a heating element, a battery, and electronic circuits that **may or may not contain nicotine or e-liquid**. This term shall include such devices whether they are manufactured as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, or e-pipes, or under any other product name as well as any other product or item included in RSA 126-K:2, II-b.

**"E-liquid"** means any liquid, oil, or wax product containing, but not limited to, nicotine or cannabis intended for use in devices used for inhalation as well as any other substance included or defined in RSA 126-K:2, II-c.

**"Liquid nicotine"** means any liquid product composed either in whole or in part of pure nicotine and propylene glycol and manufactured for use with e-cigarettes, as well as any other product or item included in RSA 126-K:2, III-a.

**"Facility"** is any place which is supported by public funds and which is used for the instruction of students enrolled in preschool programs and in all grades maintained by the District. This definition shall include all administrative buildings and offices and areas within facilities supportive of instruction and subject to educational administration, including, but not limited to, lounge areas, passageways, rest rooms, laboratories, classrooms, study areas, cafeterias, gymnasiums, maintenance rooms, and storage areas.

## B. Students

No student shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or use any tobacco product, **device**, E-cigarette, **E-liquid**, or liquid nicotine in any facility, in any school vehicle or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the District.

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# GBED – Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession In and On School Facilities and Grounds

## C. Employees

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**Category: Priority-Required by Law**

## **GBED – Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession In and On School Facilities and Grounds**

***See also: ADB, ADC, GBEC, JICG, & JICH***

*First Read: ~~March 19, 2019~~ February 18, 2020*

*Second Read: ~~April 2, 2019~~*

*Adopted: ~~April 2, 2019~~*

# JICG – Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession In and On School Facilities and Grounds

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*RSA 126-K:7, Use of Tobacco Products on Public Educational Grounds Prohibited*

**Category: Priority-Required by Law**

## **JICG – Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession In and On School Facilities and Grounds**

***See also: ADB, ADC, GBED, GBEC, & JICH***

*First Read: ~~March 19, 2019~~ February 18, 2020*

*~~Second Read: April 2, 2019~~*

*~~Adopted: April 2, 2019~~*

## IHAMA - Teaching About Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

District personnel shall provide students, parents, and legal guardians with information and resources relative to existing drug and alcohol counseling and treatment for students. As defined in Policy GBED, information will be published in student/parent handbooks, posted on district websites, distributed along with other course material during drug and alcohol education, and shall be available through the principal's office, school nurses' office, athletic program offices, guidance offices and other locations deemed appropriate by the principal in each school.

The Superintendent, or designee shall be responsible to establish and periodically review the District's guidelines for staff members providing education on the effects of alcohol, other drugs, tobacco, and dealing with abuse. The District shall provide age and developmentally appropriate drug and alcohol education to pupils based upon the needs of the pupils and the community, as a component of the kindergarten through grade 12 health education program, as well as the state laws and related penalties for prohibiting minors using or possessing such products. An evidence-based prevention program, approved by the Superintendent, may be used for this purpose.

### Legal References:

RSA 189:10, Studies  
RSA 189:11-d, Drug and Alcohol Education  
Ed 306.40, (b)(2) a - Health Education Program.

Category: P - Required by Law

1<sup>st</sup> Read: August 7, 2018 February 18, 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Read: August 21, 2018  
Adopted: August 21, 2018

## JLCFA – Feminine Hygiene Products

The ConVal School District shall make tampons and sanitary napkins available at no cost in all gender neutral bathrooms and bathrooms designated for females located in the middle schools and high school within the District.

The Superintendent or designee may implement any rules or procedures appropriate to implement this policy.

### **Legal References:**

*RSA 189:16-a, Menstrual Hygiene Products (2019 Laws Chapter 252).*

**Category: Recommended**

**First Read: February 18, 2020**

**Second Read:**

**Adopted:**



**ADVANCED COURSE WORK/ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES &  
STEM DUAL & CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM***Category: Priority/Required by Law**Identical policy: LEB†**Related policy: IKF***ADOPTION NOTES –*****This text box, and all highlights within the policy should be removed prior to adoption.***

- (a) †This policy is coded in two sections, *Education Agency Relations (LEB)* and *Instruction (IHCD)*. The two policies used to be written separately for each section/application, but have now been merged into this one version. Districts may, but need not, maintain both. If choosing to maintain one, NHSBA recommends using ICD, and further that the board formally withdraw the other policy, with a permanent record of the withdrawn policy. See 2019 NHSBA Fall Update sample GBA for what record of a withdrawn policy might look like.
- (b) {\*\*} indicates a reference to another NHSBA sample policy. A district should check its own current policies and codes to assure internal consistency.
- (c) For districts without high schools, only section A is required, which also should be modified to remove reference to dual and concurrent enrollment/credits.
- (d) General – As with all sample policies, NHSBA recommends that each district carefully review this sample prior to adoption to assure suitability with the district's own specific circumstances,

**A. Advanced Course Work/Advanced Placement Courses**

Any student who is capable of and wishes to do advanced course work or take advanced placement classes while in high school should be permitted to do so. School district administrators and *school* counselors will *aid* students who wish to enroll in such courses. If advanced course work or advanced placement courses are not available within the School District, administrators or *school* counselors are instructed to assist students in identifying alternative means of taking such classes. This may include taking courses through the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program, at a different public school, a private school, through distance education courses, or other suitable means.

Any student whose eligibility for taking advanced course work is recommended by his/her counselor may enroll in a course. Credit may be given, provided the course comports with applicable District policies and state standards. The District will not be responsible for any tuition, fees, or other associated costs incurred by the student for enrollment in such courses.

**B. STEM Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program**

High School and Career Technical Education Center qualified students in grades *10* and *12* may participate in the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program, through which a student may earn both High School and College credits by enrolling in STEM (science technology, engineering, and mathematics) and STEM-related courses designated by the Community College System of New Hampshire ("CCSNH").



**ADVANCED COURSE WORK/ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES & STEM DUAL & CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM**

The Superintendent shall be responsible for coordinating any agreements with CCSNH, and other measures necessary to implement and maintain the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program within the District. The Superintendent shall also designate a point of contact for the program who can provide for student counseling, support services, course scheduling, managing course forms and student registration, program evaluation, course transferability, and assisting with online courses. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish regulations for the program which, among other things, will:

1. Require compliance with measurable educational standards and criteria approved by the CCSNH;
2. Require that courses meet the same standard of quality and rigor as courses offered on campus by CCSNH;
3. Require that program and courses comply with the standards for accreditation and program development established by the National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships;
4. Establish criteria for student eligibility to participate in the program;
5. Establish standards for course content;
6. Establish standards for faculty approval;
7. Establish program coordination and communication requirements;
8. Address tuition, fees, textbooks and materials, course grading policy, data collection, maintenance, and security, revenue and expenditure reporting, and a process for renewal of the agreement;
9. Require annual notification to high school students and their parents of Dual and Concurrent Enrollment opportunities; *and*
10. *Set out how any Dual and Concurrent Enrollment courses correlate with a Career Readiness Credential under Board policy IKFG.*

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**District Policy History:**

First reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second reading/adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

***District revision history:*****Legal References:**

RSA 188-E:25 through RSA 188-E:26-28  
Ed 306.141(a)(6), Advanced Course Work

**ADVANCED COURSE WORK/ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES &  
STEM DUAL & CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM**

*Legal References Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

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***When adopting this sample or variation of the same, a district should not include the NHSBA history or NHSBA policy notes appearing below. The district should, to the extent possible, include its own adoption/revision history, as well as the legal references and disclaimer as indicated above.***

**NHSBA history:** Revised – November 2019, December 2017, September 2017, May 2014, May 2008, October 2005, November 1999, July 1998

**NHSBA revision notes, November 2019** - revised in response to 2019 N.H. Laws Ch. 322 (SB 276). Revisions include: (a) opening dual/concurrent enrollment programs to sophomores, (b) reference to a career readiness credential, and (c) replacement of guidance counselor with school counselor. **December 2017** - revised to reflect that the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program is specific to STEM courses and further that the Superintendent/designee is responsible for coordinating any agreements between the district and CCSNH, as required under 188-E:28. **September 2017** - updated to incorporate the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program established by 2017 N.H. Laws 210 (SB 101) which required districts to adopt a policy permitting qualified students to participate in the program.

w/p-update/2019 Fall /IHCD - Advanced Coursework Dual Enrollment 2019 (d)

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# IHCD – Advanced Coursework

Any student who is capable of and wishes to do advanced course work or take advanced placement classes while in high school should be permitted to do so. School district administrators and guidance counselors will provide assistance to students who wish to enroll in such courses. If advanced course work or advanced placement courses are not available within the school district, administrators or guidance counselors are instructed to assist students in identifying alternative means of taking such classes. These means may include taking courses at a different public school or a private school, or through distance education courses or other suitable means.

Credit may be given, provided the course conforms to applicable District policies and state standards. The District will not be responsible for any tuition, fees, or other associated costs incurred by the student for enrollment in such courses.

This policy will be published annually in the High School Student Handbook.

## Legal References:

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.14(g), Advanced Course Work*

**Category: P**

**See also:** IK, IKF, IMBA, IMBC, LEB

1<sup>st</sup> Read: September 15, 2015

2<sup>nd</sup> Read: October 6, 2015

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## SERVICE ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS

*Category: Priority – Required by Law*

*Related Policy: IMG*

### A. General Conditions.

1. Use of a service animal by a person with a disability will be allowed in or upon District property when the animal is required to perform work or tasks directly related to the individual's disability.

Qualified individuals with disabilities and service animal trainers are eligible to use service animals in the School.

2. "Service animals":

- a. "Service Animal" for the purposes of this policy shall mean and include any dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Service animal shall be construed to include a "hearing ear dog," "guide dog," or "service dog," as those terms are currently defined in NH RSA 167-D:1. "Emotional support," "therapy," or "comfort dogs" are generally not service animals for the purposes of this policy, except as may be provided under Paragraph B.2, below.

Miniature horses do not specifically fall within the state or federal statutory definitions for "service animal". However, miniature horses which have been individually trained to perform specific work or tasks may be permitted in the schools in certain circumstances as a reasonable accommodation for a qualified individual with a disability. Any such requests should be directed to the Superintendent or his/her designee, who in addition to the above will take into consideration the provisions of Paragraph B.2, and Section C, below. If a miniature horse is approved, all the conditions in this policy shall apply.

Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for purposes of this definition.

- b. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability. Under state and federal law, work and tasks may include, but are not limited to: (1) assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks; (2) alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds; (3) providing nonviolent protection or rescue work; (4) pulling a wheelchair; (5) assisting an individual during a seizure; (6) alerting individuals to the presence of allergens; (7) retrieving items such as medicine or a telephone; (8) providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities; and (9) helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effect of an animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship does not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of the law.

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3. "Comfort" animals/pets: Animals which do not meet the definition of Service Animal as provided above, are not entitled to protection under this policy and are subject to such other applicable policies or administrative regulations of the District or school.
4. The District will have no responsibility for the training, feeding, grooming or care of any service animal permitted to attend school under this policy (except in the limited circumstances described in Section B.3.a, below. It shall be the responsibility of the individual with a disability or designated handler to ensure the proper care and supervision of the service animal.
5. All service animals must be kept on a harness, leash or tether (unless this prevents the animal from performing his/her specific work or tasks with the individual), or must otherwise be under the control of the individual with a disability or designated handler at all times.
6. The individual (in the case of a student, the student's parent/guardian(s)) is liable for any damage to District property or other personal property, and for any injuries to individuals caused by the service animal, consistent with any applicable laws.
7. Individuals with service animals may access the same areas that individuals without disabilities are authorized to access.
8. As used in this policy, "service animal trainer" shall have the same definition as that provided under RSA 167-D:1 as the same may be amended or replaced from time-to-time. As of February 1, 2017 that statute defines "service animal trainer": (i) as any person who is employed to train dogs for or is volunteering to raise dogs for a provider of service animals for persons with disabilities, (ii) or an individual trainer who helps a person with disabilities to train his or her own service animal, (iii) or an individual trainer who tests an animal to verify its eligibility for the New Hampshire service animal tag.

### **B. Administrative Review of Service Animals.**

1. Whenever a service animal is in the school or on District property (and it is not obvious that the animal qualifies as a service animal, e.g., guide dog for a blind person), a building administrator or other authorized District personnel may ask:
  - a. Whether the service animal is required because of a disability;
  - b. What work or task(s) the animal has been trained to perform;
  - c. In the case of a service animal trainer, documentation of the individual's affiliation with a recognized organization as described in RSA 167, and section A.7 above.
2. If a student with an educational disability or a Section 504 Plan seeks to bring an animal on a school campus that is not a service animal as defined above, the request shall be referred to the IEP or Section 504 Team to determine whether the animal is necessary for the student to receive a free and appropriate education (FAPE). After such review, if the animal is deemed necessary for the student to receive FAPE, then the animal shall be a service animal for the purposes of this policy.

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3. When it is anticipated that a service animal is going to be in school on a regular basis with a third party (e.g., employee, volunteer, service animal trainer or other frequent visitor to the school), the individual using the service animal (or in the case of a student, the student's parent/guardian(s)) are strongly encouraged to notify the Superintendent or the Principal in advance.
  - a. The school will not provide any staff support to care for or control a service animal, but may provide support to a student using a service animal as needed in a particular instance (i.e., accompanying a young student who takes a service animal outside to relieve itself).
  - b. Any handler (service animal trainer, parent/guardian or other person) accompanying the service animal must have approval to work in the school from the New Hampshire Department of Education and undergo the State criminal background check.
4. Service animals must be properly licensed and vaccinated in accordance with New Hampshire law (see RSA Chapter 466).

### **C. Additional Considerations Relative to Service Miniature Horses.**

In making a determination as to whether to allow a specific miniature horse as a service animal, the Superintendent/designee will consider pertinent factors, including, without limitation:

- a. The type, size, and weight of the miniature horse and whether the facility can accommodate these features;
- b. Whether the handler has sufficient control of the miniature horse;
- c. Whether the miniature horse is housebroken; and
- d. Whether the miniature horse's presence in a specific facility compromises legitimate safety requirements necessary for the safety of students or others.

### **D. Removal or Exclusion of Service Animals from School.**

1. The Superintendent, Principal or other authorized school official may require that the service animal be removed from the school or other District property under any of the following circumstances:
  - a. The service animal poses a direct threat to the safety of individuals, causes a significant disruption of school activities or programs, fundamentally alters the nature of any school program, or otherwise jeopardizes the safe operation of the school in a manner that cannot be eliminated by modifications;
  - b. The service animal demonstrates that he/she is unable to perform reliably the work or tasks which he/she was represented as being able to perform (which is required to be defined as a service animal);

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- c. The service animal is not under the full control of the person with a disability, or the authorized handler/trainer, and the individual does not take effective action to control the animal;
  - d. The service animal is sick (i.e., vomiting, etc.), infested with parasites, has an infection of the skin, mouth or eyes, or otherwise presents a threat to the public health (applying the standard that would be applied to any other animal allowed on school premises); and/or
  - e. The service animal is not housebroken (i.e., demonstrates that it is not sufficiently trained to relieve itself outside in appropriate locations).
2. If a service animal is removed or excluded, the individual shall still be provided access to school facilities, programs and/or services.

### History:

First reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second reading/adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

### Legal References:

*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act – 29 U.S.C. 794;*  
*Americans with Disabilities Act – 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.;*  
*Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability, Title 28 CFR Part 35-36;*  
*NH RSA 167-D and 466;*

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**NHSBA revision note, May 2018:** NHSBA has revised sample policy IMGA to add clarity and to reflect emerging interpretations of applicable statutes and regulations.

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# IMGA – Service Animals

## **Purpose**

This policy addresses the use of service animals within school buildings and on school grounds. As established and defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act and its accompanying regulations, individuals with disabilities shall be permitted to bring their service animals in school buildings or on school grounds in accordance with this policy. Conditions relative to pets and non-service animals within the school building and on school grounds are found in Board Policy IMG.

## **“Service Animal” Defined**

In accordance with 28 CFR 35.104 (effective March 15, 2011) a “service animal” is defined as:

Any animal that is individually trained to do or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the handler’s disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or who have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing non-violent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effects of an animal’s presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or task for the purpose of this definition.

This definition shall be construed to include a “hearing ear animal,” “guide animal,” or “service animal,” as those terms are currently defined in NH RSA 167-D:3.

## **Permissible Inquires**

The District will not make the inquiry about the nature or extent of an individual’s disability in determining whether to allow a service animal in a school building or on school grounds. When it is not patently obvious as to the role of the service animal, the District may ask whether the animal is required because of a disability and what work or task the animal has been trained to perform.

When a student or employee’s disability requires the presence of a service animal in a school building or on school grounds during the school day, the District shall also require annual submission of proof of current vaccinations and immunizations of the service animal and a current veterinary health certificate.

## **Access to the School Buildings and Grounds**



In accord with federal regulations, individuals with disabilities shall be permitted to be accompanied by their service animal in all areas of District schools, where members of the public, participants in services, programs, or invitees, as relevant, are allowed to go.

### **Animals for Children with Educational Disabilities or a Section 504 Plan**

If a student with an educational disability or a Section 504 Plan seeks to bring an animal on a school campus that is not a service animal, the request shall be referred to the IEP or Section 504 Team to determine whether the animal is necessary for the student to receive a free and appropriate education (FAPE).

### **Management of Service Animals**

Service animals must be under control of their handlers. A service animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash, or tether would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service animal must be otherwise under the handler's control (e.g., voice control, signals, or other effective means).

### **Care of and Responsibility for Service Animals**

The District is not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal. The owner or handler of the service animal shall be solely responsible for:

- Supervision and care of the animal, including feeding, exercising, clean-up and stain removal;
- Restraint of the animal at all times;
- Damages to the school buildings, property and vehicles caused by the animal;
- Injuries to students, employees, volunteers and visitors caused by the animal; and
- Annual submission of documentation of vaccinations and immunizations.

### **Animals for Employees**

Use of a service animal by a qualified employee with a disability will be allowed when such use is necessary to enable the employee to perform the essential functions of his/her position or to enjoy the benefits of employment in a manner comparable to those similarly situated non-disabled employees.

### **Circumstances Under Which a Service Animal Will Be Prohibited from Campus**

The Superintendent or other designee may ask an individual with a disability to remove a service animal from the campus or school event, or may even deny a request for use of a service animal on campus or at a school event if:

- The animal is out of control and the animal's handler does not take effective action to control it;
- The animal is not housebroken;
- The presence of the animal will require a fundamental alternation of the program or will significantly disrupt or interfere with the educational process;
- When the animal is to be used regularly during the school day or at school events, the handler fails to submit proof of current vaccinations and immunizations of the service animal and a current

veterinary health certificate;

- To the extent applicable, the handler fails to comply with NH RSA 167-D.

If an animal is properly removed or prohibited from the premises, the District will continue to give the individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in District services, programs, or activities without having the service animal on the premises.

A decision to remove or prohibit a service animal from District schools may be appealed to the Superintendent of Schools.

**Legal References:**

*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act – 29 U.S.C. 794*

*Americans with Disabilities Act – 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.*

*Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability, Title 28 CFR Part 35, Part 36*

*NH RSA 167-D*

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JBAA - Sexual Harassment - Students (<https://schoolboard.convalsd.net/district-policies/jbaa-sexual-harrassment-and-sexual-violence/>)

## SUICIDE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Category: Priority/Required by Law

## ADOPTION NOTES –

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- (a) *This sample policy is required with the 2019 passage of SB 282 (codified as RSA 193-J). Although the new law is not effective until July 1, 2020, there are many provisions which may have budgetary and planning impacts. It is important, therefore, for Districts to carefully review the staffing and programming implications for FY 2021.*
- (b) *The annual training required under section C below, is required under the statute. The first training must occur by March 31, 2021.*
- (c) *This sample policy contemplates the development of a separate District Suicide Prevention Plan, with components as outlined in Section A of the policy. NHSBA recommends that districts use as a template or guide the sample “policy” available through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The coding should connect to the board policy (e.g., JLDDB & JLDDB-R). This sample policy JLDDB was structured to mesh the key elements of RSA 193-J with the AFSP model “policy”. As of October 2019 the AFSP guide and policy can be found at:*  
  
<https://afsp.org/our-work/education/model-school-policy-suicide-prevention/>
- (d) *This sample policy is structured to apply to districts with more than one school. For single school districts, the duties/positions of District Suicide Prevention Coordinator and School Suicide Prevention Points of Contact (policy sections B.1 & B.2, below) may/should be merged, with additional changes as needed for internal continuity.*
- (e) **{\*\*}** *indicates a reference to another NHSBA sample policy. A district should check its own current policies and codes to assure internal consistency.*
- (f) *General – As with all sample policies, NHSBA recommends that each district carefully review this sample prior to adoption to assure suitability with the district’s own specific circumstances, internal coding system, current policies, and organizational structures. Highlighted language or blank, underscored spaces indicate areas which Boards must change/complete to reflect local personnel titles, policy references, duty assignments etc.*

The School Board is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its students and school community. This policy supports federal, state and local efforts to provide education on youth suicide awareness and prevention; to establish methods of prevention, intervention, and response to suicide or suicide attempt (“postvention”); and to promote access to suicide awareness, prevention and postvention resources.

- A. **District Suicide Prevention Plan and Biennial Review.** ~~No later than May 31, 2020,~~ **The** Superintendent shall develop and provide to the Board for approval, a coordinated written District Suicide Prevention Plan (the “Plan”) to include guidelines, protocols and procedures with the objectives of prevention, risk assessment, intervention and response to youth suicides and suicide attempts.

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1. Specific Requirements for Plan Terms: The District Suicide Prevention Plan shall include terms relating to:
  - a) Suicide prevention (risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, referrals);
  - b) Response to in-or-out-of-school student suicides or suicide attempts (postvention, suicide contagion);
  - c) Student education regarding safe and healthy choices, coping strategies, recognition of risk factors and warning signs of mental disorders and suicide; and help seeking strategies;
  - d) Training of staff, designated volunteers, and contracted personnel on the issues of youth suicide risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, response procedures, referrals, post-intervention and resources available within the school and community;
  - e) Confidentiality considerations;
  - f) Designation of any personnel, in addition to the {see adoption note (d) above, and B.1 & B.2, below} \_\_\_\_\_ District Suicide Prevention Coordinator and Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons, to act as points of contact when students are believed to be at an elevated risk of suicide;
  - g) Information regarding state and community resources for referral, crisis intervention, and other related information;
  - h) Dissemination of the Plan or information about the Plan to students, parents, faculty, staff, and school volunteers;
  - i) Promotion of cooperative efforts between the District and its schools and community suicide prevention program personnel;
  - j) Such include such other provisions deemed appropriate to meet the objectives of this Policy (e.g., student handbook language, reporting processes, “postvention” strategies, memorial parameters, etc.).
2. Biennial Review: No less than once every two years, the Superintendent, in consultation [with the District Suicide Prevention Coordinator and Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons \_\_\_\_\_ and] with input and evidence from community health or suicide prevention organizations, and District health and guidance personnel, shall update the District Suicide Prevention Plan, and present the same to the Board for review. Such Plan updates shall be submitted to the Board in time for appropriate budget consideration.

**B. Suicide Prevention Coordinator and Liaisons.**

1. District Suicide Prevention Coordinator. [{The Superintendent shall appoint a} OR {the \_\_\_\_\_ is designated as the}] District Suicide Prevention Coordinator, who, under the direction of the Superintendent shall be responsible for:

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- a) developing and maintaining cooperative relationships with and coordination efforts between the District and community suicide prevention programs and personnel;
  - b) annual updating of (i) State and community crisis or intervention referral intervention information, and (ii) names and contact information of Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons, for inclusion in student handbooks and on the District's website;
  - c) developing - or assisting individual teachers with the development - of age appropriate student educational programming, such that all students receive information in the importance of safe and healthy choices and coping strategies, recognizing risk factors and warning signs of mental disorders and suicide in oneself and others, and providing help-seeking strategies for oneself or others, including how to engage school resources and refer friends for help;
  - d) developing or assisting in the development of the annual staff training required under section C of this policy;
  - e) Such other duties as referenced in this Policy or as assigned by the Superintendent.
2. Building Suicide Prevention Liaison. The [name position \_\_\_\_\_], or, in his/her absence, the building principal, shall be designated as the Building Suicide Prevention Liaison, and shall serve as the in building point-of-contact person when a student is believed to be at an elevated risk for suicide. Employees who have reason to believe a student is at risk of suicide, or is exhibiting risk factors for suicide, shall report that information to the Building Liaison, who shall, immediately or as soon as possible, establish and implement a response plan with the District Suicide Prevention Coordinator.
- C. Annual Staff Training. The Superintendent shall assure that beginning with the 2020-21 school year, all school building faculty and staff, designated volunteers, and any other personnel who have regular contact with students, including contracted personnel or third-party employees, receive at least two hours of training in suicide awareness and prevention. Such training may include such matters as youth suicide risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, intervention, response procedures, referrals, and postvention and local resources.
- D. Dissemination. Student handbooks and the District's website will be updated each year with the contact information for the Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons, State and community crisis or intervention referral intervention resources. The District Suicide Prevention Plan will be made available on the District's, and each school's respective websites.

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**District Policy History:**

*First reading:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Second reading/adopted:* \_\_\_\_\_

***District revision history:***

**SUICIDE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE****Legal References:**

*RSA 193-J: Suicide Prevention Education*

**Legal References Disclaimer:** *These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

**Other Resources:**

- The New Hampshire Department of Education's Bureau of Student Wellness, Office of Social and Emotional Wellness (OSEW), provides resources and technical assistance to school districts to work collaboratively with their community to respond to the needs of students through a multi-tiered system of support for behavioral health and wellness. For further information see: [www.nhstudentwellness.org](http://www.nhstudentwellness.org)
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) - <https://www.afsp.org>
- Suicide Prevention Resource Center - <http://www.sprc.org>
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – <https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org>
- The Trevor Project - <https://www.thetrevorproject.org>

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**NHSBA history:** New policy, November 2019.

**NHSBA note, November 2019** This sample policy is in response to 2019 N.H. Laws Ch. 315 (SB 282), codified as RSA 193-J, which, among other things, requires that “each school district ... shall develop a policy that guides the development and implementation of a coordinated plan to prevent, assess the risk of, intervene in, and respond to suicide.” The statute then includes several required and discretionary policy components. As with other instances of recent legislation (e.g., 2018’s HB1612 & 2019’s SB 263), SB 282 contemplates Board development of a policy to direct the development of the plan, not the plan itself. This sample policy is intended to assist that process by coordinating the requirements of the statute with the framework with some of the model “policies” created by various suicide prevention/crisis intervention organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

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