### **Policy Development Committee Agenda**

9/9/2022

7:00 A.M. ~ Gilford High School Library

### **Policies to Review**

DID - Fixed Assets

JLCD – Administering Medication to Students

JLCD-R Procedures for Administering Medication to Students

JLCD – F1 – Medication Release Form

JFABB – International Academic and Exchange Program

JBAB – Transgender and Nonbinary Students

NHSBA sample policy. Our auditors recommended we adopt this policy. 9-9-2022 Policy Committee

#### **DID - FIXED ASSETS (Inventories)**

(Download policy)

Category R

To serve the functions of conservation and control, a running inventory of fixed assets with appraised values will be maintained by the Superintendent's office on buildings and contents including (1) buildings and grounds equipment, (2) furniture, (3) administrative equipment, (4) educational equipment, (5) vehicles, and (6) textbooks and supplementary books.

The Superintendent will designate the person responsible for maintaining an inventory of equipment, materials and supplies in his/her shop, laboratory, or classroom.

These inventories will be brought up-to-date as needed, but no less than once per fiscal year. Two copies of the inventory will be filed with the building administrator.

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#### ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

The Superintendent shall be responsible for establishing specific procedures to control medications administered in schools. Such procedures are found in Appendix JLCD-R.

Prescribed medication should not be taken during the school day, if at all possible. Medication is to be administered by the school nurse, Principal or other designee. Medication will be administered in school only after receiving and filing in the student's health record the following:

- 1. A written statement from the licensed prescriber detailing the method of taking the medication, dosage, and the time schedule of the medication.
- A written authorization from the parent/guardian indicating the desire that the school assist the student in taking the prescribed medication.

All medication should be delivered to appropriate school personnel by the parent/guardian. All prescription medication must be delivered and contained in its original pharmacy container.

The school nurse is directed to keep such medications in a locked cabinet or refrigerator. No more than a 30-day supply should be kept and maintained by the school. The school nurse will contact the parent/guardian regarding any unused medication. Such medication shall be picked up by parent/guardian within ten days after its use is discontinued. If the parent/guardian does not pick up the medication within ten days, the school nurse may dispose of the unused medication and record as such in the student's health record file. The school nurse is responsible for keeping accurate records regarding the administration of medication to students.

Students may possess and self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector if the student suffers from potentially life-threatening allergies. Both the student's parent/guardian and physician must authorize such self-possession and self-administration. If a student finds it necessary to use his/her auto-injector, she/he shall immediately report to the nearest supervising adult. The school nurse or building Principal may maintain at least one epinephrine auto-injector, provided by the student, in the nurse's office or other suitable location. Additionally, students may possess and self-administer a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate or prevent asthmatic symptoms, auto-injectors for severe allergic reactions, and other injectable medications necessary to treat life-threatening allergies. Both the student's parent/guardian and physician must authorize such self-possession and self-administration.

- NEW The school may stock albuterol in the health office, to be used in the event of an emergency for a student who has a diagnosis of asthma and has an order in place).
- NEW The school may stock autoinjectors in the health office, for anaphylactic reaction. If used, EMS will be activated
- NEW Students may carry and self administer, gastric enzymes, Both the student's parent/guardian and physician must authorize such self-possession and selfadministration.

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- NEW Students may carry and self administer insulin. Both the student's parent/guardian
  and physician must authorize such self-possession and self-administration. The method
  of delivery will be defined in their diabetic care plan.
- NEW The school may stock an opioid antagonist in the health office, in the event of an
  opioid overdose. If used EMS will be activated.

Students shall not share any prescription or over-the counter medication with another student. Notice of this prohibition will be provided in student handbooks. Students acting in violation of this prohibition will be subject to discipline consistent with applicable Board policies.

This policy shall extend to any school-sponsored activity, event, or program.

In addition to the provisions set forth herein, the school nurse and Principal are responsible for ensuring the provisions of Ed. 311.02, Medication During the School Day, are followed. The school nurse or other designated personnel may administer other medications to students in emergency situations, provided such personnel has all training as is required by law. Such medication may also be administered in emergency situations if a student's medical action plan JLCD Page 2 of 2 Gilford School Board Policy has been filed and updated with the school district to the extent required by law. The District will maintain all necessary records relative to the emergency administration of medication and will file all such reports as may be required.

Legal References: RSA 200:40-b, Glucagon Injections RSA 200:42, Possession and Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors Permitted RSA 200:43, Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injector RSA 200:44, Availability of Epinephrine Auto-Injector RSA 200:44-a, Anaphylaxis Training Required RSA 200:45, Student Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors - Immunity RSA 200:46, Possession and Self-Administration of Asthma Inhalers Permitted RSA 200:47, Use of Asthma Medications by Students - Immunity RSA 200:54, Supply of Bronchodilators, Spacers or Nebulizers RSA 200:55, Administration of Bronchodilator, Space or Nebulizer N.H. Code of Administrative Rules - Section Ed. 306.12(b)(2), Special Physical Health Needs of Students N.H. Code of Administrative Rules - Section Ed. 311.02(d); Medication During School Day Appendix JLCD-R (Adopted: 4/8/1975) (Revised) 7/7/2003, 6/3/2013, 2/1/2016, 2/4/2019)

Category: Priority/Required by Law

JLCD-R

These administrative procedures are intended to implement School Board policy JLCD "Administering Medication to Students". Pursuant to that policy, any medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter ("OTC") administered to or taken by students during the school day or school activities shall comply with School Board policy JLCD and these procedures.

#### PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

#### A. Written Authorizations.

- 1. <u>Prescription medications</u>. In order for prescription medications to be given at the school, the following shall occur:
  - a. The school nurse shall ensure that a written statement containing the following be on file in the student's health record:
    - i. The student's name;
    - ii. The name and signature of the licensed prescriber and contact numbers;
    - iii. The name, route and dosage of medication;
    - iv. Specific recommendations for administration;
    - v. The frequency and time of medication administration or assistance;
    - vi. Any special side effects, contraindications, and adverse reactions to be observed:
    - vii. The date of the order; and
    - viii. A diagnosis, if not a violation of confidentiality;
  - b. The school nurse shall ensure that there is written authorization by the parent and/or guardian that contains:
    - i. The parent and/or guardian's printed name and signature;
    - ii. A list of all medications the student is currently receiving, if not a violation of confidentiality or contrary to the request of the parent/guardian or student that such medication be documented; and
    - iii. Approval to have the school nurse administer the medication, the student to possess and self-administer and/or the principal or his designee assist the student with taking the medication; and
  - c. The school nurse shall ensure the authorization or other accessible documentation contains:

- i. The parent and/or guardian's home and emergency phone number(s); and
- ii. Persons to be notified in case of a medication emergency in addition to the parent or guardian and licensed prescriber.
- 2. Non-Prescription / Over-the-Counter Medications. Non-prescription and OTC medications shall be administered only with the written authorization of the parent and/or guardian. The authorization shall contain the same information, with the same access, as is required relative to prescription medications in paragraphs A.1.b & c, above.

To the extent consistent with the N.H. Nurse Practice Act, RSA 326-B and applicable state regulations, the school nurse may accept verbal authorization from a parent/guardian or licensed healthcare provider, to be followed with written confirmation per Board policy JLCD.

#### **B.** Delivery of Medication to School

- 1. A parent, guardian or a parent/guardian-designated, responsible adult shall deliver all medication to be administered by school personnel to the school nurse or other responsible person designated by the school nurse as follows:
- 2. The prescription medication shall be in a pharmacy or manufacturer labeled container;
- 3. The school nurse or other responsible person receiving the prescription medication shall document the quantity of the prescription medication delivered; and
- 4. The medication may be delivered by other adult(s), provided, that the nurse is notified in advance by the parent or guardian of the delivery and the quantity of prescription medication being delivered to school is specified.

#### C. Storage of Medication.

- 1. All medications shall be stored in their original pharmacy or manufacturer labeled containers, and in such manner as to render them safe and prevent loss of efficacy. A single dose of medication may be transferred from this container to a newly labeled container for the purposes of field trips or school sponsored activities.
- 2. All medication to be administered by the school nurse shall be kept in a securely-locked cabinet which is kept locked except when opened to obtain medications. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be stored in a locked box in a refrigerator maintained at temperatures of 38 degrees to 42 degrees. Emergency medications may be secured in other locations readily accessible only to those with authorization.
- 3. No more than a 30-school day supply of the prescription for a student shall be stored at the school.
- 4. Consistent with N.H. Administrative Rule Ed. 311.02(k), each school nurse shall also develop and implement building specific protocols regarding receipt and safe storage of prescription medications.

#### D. Documentation & Communications Regarding Administration of Medication.

- 1. The school nurse (or, in the school nurse's absence, the Principal/designee) will document the following information regarding medication taken by each student:
  - a. Name of medication taken/administered;
  - b. Dose and route of administration;
  - c. Date and time of administration;
  - d. Signature, initials, or electronic signature/verification of adults present; and
  - e. Other noteworthy comments or information relating to significant observations relating to prescriptions, a medication's adverse reactions, beneficial effects, etc.
- 2. If student refuses to take or spills medication, or medication is lost or has run out, such shall be recorded.
- 3. Each school nurse shall develop and maintain a paper or electronic system to document the information required in paragraphs D.1 & 2. Such system shall allow for secure communication of the information recorded in items D.1 & 2 to the child's parent/guardian and/or licensed prescriber.
- 4. The recording system shall allow additions, but must assure that the original information cannot be deleted. Any changes must be signed by the school nurse, principal or designee in conformance with Board policy DGA "Authorized Signatures".
- 5. The system shall assure retention of records in accordance with paragraph E of these procedures.

#### E. Student Health Records

Physicians' written orders and the written authorization of parents or guardians should be filed with the student's cumulative health record. An appropriate summary completed at least once every school year for each medication prescribed and taken should become part of the student's health record.

Student health records shall be retained in accordance with Board policy {\*\*}EHB and the District's Data/Records Retention Schedule, {\*\*}EHB-R, or any superseding statutes or regulations. Health records concerning students who receive special education services shall be retained according to the provisions of the Data/Records Retention Schedule pertaining to special education.

Record shall be available to representatives from the State Division of Public Health and/or State Department of Education to the extent consistent with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA").

NHSBA history: Revised – June 2020

**NHSBA revision notes, June 2020**, amendments to JLCD-R, made with assistance of the New Hampshire School Nurses Association, include changes to more closely track applicable regulations, and to coordinate more directly to NHSBA sample policies and best practices.

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#### GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEDICATION RELEASE

In accordance with state and local school board ruling, when it is found necessary to place a child on medication during the school day, the local school nurse must have the following information.

| Name of Student          |  |                      |   |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| Date                     | Teacher/YOG  |                      |   |
| Physician's Name         |  | Tel #                |   |
| Medication to be admir   | istered  |                      |   |
| Dose                     | Time   |                      |   |
| Diagnosis                |  | Rx #                 |   |
| liable any member of the |  | of official capacity | ication. We agree that we will not hold who is directed by us (the parents) and n.              |
| medication will be deliv |  | properly labeled wit | is designee by a parent /guardian. The h the student's name, physician's directions for taking. |
|                          | needs medication on a field tri<br>you are allowing school persor                              |                      | ose(s) will need to be delivered to nild with said medication.                                  |
| purposes of sharing info | unication between the physici<br>ormation regarding dosage, ad<br>nsent for such communication | ministration and eff |   |
| The prescribing provide  | er will be contacted for an app  | ropriate Emergency   | Action Plan   |
| Parent/Guardian Signat   | ure  |                      |   |
| NOTE: This section is    | to be completed by the license   | d health care provid | ler only.   |
| Medication               |  | Oosage               |   |
| Time(s) to be given      |  |                      |   |
| Duration of administrat  | ion Start Date   | eEnd I               | Date  |
| Signature of licensed he | ealth care provider  |                      | Date  |

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| Inhalers                              |                                 |                       |                           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Student has parental permission       | to carry and self-administe     | r inhaler             | (Parent Initials)         |
| Student has physician approval t      |                                 |                       |                           |
|                                       |                                 |                       |                           |
| Epi-Pens                              | 1 10 1 1 1 1 T                  |                       | (D T 1.)                  |
| Student has parent approval to ca     | arry and self-administer Epi    | -pen                  | _ (Parent Initials)       |
| Student has physician approval to     | o carry and self-administer     | Epi-pen               | (Physician initials)      |
|                                       |                                 |                       |                           |
| Epi Pen order will be considered open | n ended unless otherwise no     | otified               |                           |
| If appropriate, parent has trained    | l classroom teacher/& or ot     | hers to administer    | Epi-pen (Parent Initials) |
| (Please specify who has been tra      | ined)                           |                       |                           |
| (Trease specify who has seen the      |                                 |                       |                           |
| Any child who receives an Epi pen fo  | or allergic reaction will be t  | ransported to the h   | ospital by ambulance      |
| Insulin                               |                                 |                       |                           |
| Student has parental permission       | to carry and self-administe     | r insulin/glucagon    | (Parent Initials)         |
| Student has physician approval to     | a community and salf administer | ingulin/glugggan      | (Dhygioign initials       |
| Student has physician approval to     | carry and sen-administer        | ilisuilii/giucagoii _ | (Filysiciali illitials    |
|                                       |                                 | . 1. 1                |                           |
| Any child who receives Glucagon fo    | r insulin reaction will be tr   | ansported to the ho   | ospital by ambulance      |
| Other meds taken                      |                                 |                       |                           |
| Name                                  | Dose                            | Reason                |                           |
|                                       |                                 | Reason                |                           |
|                                       |                                 |                       |                           |
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(Adopted 2/4/2019)

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#### INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC AND FOREIGN-EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Gilford School District supports opportunities for students from other countries to participate in Gilford High School programs. Participation guidelines have been established in accordance with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) guidelines and the Immigration and Reform and Responsibility Act of 1996.

#### International and Academic Student/Visitors

These guidelines apply to students who are not supported through an established program or specific agency (F-1 student visa). An example would be a student from Russia who wishes to come and stay with mutual friends in the United States.

#### Guidelines:

- □ The host family must email the Superintendent for initial Board approval.
- ☐ If approved, an application Application must be made in writing to the Principal of Gilford High School a minimum of fourteen days in advance of a visit through a joint parent and host family written request.
- ☐ The student must show evidence of sufficient academic and scholastic preparation to benefit from the academic experience.
- □ The student must have demonstrated English language proficiency.
- □ The host family must maintain full responsibility for health/medical issues including insurance and authorization for emergency medical treatment.
- □ The student's family must give written power of attorney to the host family.
- ☐ The student and/or host family is responsible for the payment of local tuition.
- ☐ The host family must have sufficient funds available to for support of the student during the entire proposed course of study. Funds for student emergency return to his home country must be available.
- □ The student must qualify for an F-1 visa and must have completed all necessary INS paperwork including form I-20A-B.

Given compliance with these guidelines, the Superintendent will authorize the student to spend a minimum of ninety days and not more than one full academic year.

#### **Exchange Students**

Students who are sponsored by an INS approved international cultural exchange program qualify under these guidelines (J student visa). These include such organizations as *Rotary International* and *Face the World Foundation*, among others. Such programs should be designed to promote the interchange of persons, knowledge and skills in the fields of education, arts and sciences and may be applied to students of all academic levels and people-to-people sharing programs.

The Board will not admit more than 1 international exchange student per 100 high school students. The Board reserves the right to limit the number of international exchange students admitted to the school.

#### **Guidelines:**

| _The host family must email the Superintendent for initial Board approval.   |
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| _If approved by the Superintendent, a <del>The</del> written application must be   |
| submitted made to the GHS principal by September 30th of the preceding school year. sixty days in advance. Such application should include a request by the home family, student, and sponsoring organization.   |
| _Student participants are required to have demonstrated maturity, good   |
| character, and scholastic aptitude.  |
| _The student must have demonstrated proficiency in knowledge of English language.  |
| Responsibility for the costs of housing, medical, proper insurance coverage  |
| and other non-academic matters lie with the sponsoring organization.   |
| _All INS guidelines, including completion of form IAP-66 must be provided  |
| and completed by the sponsoring organization.  |
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| study. Placement shall be a minimum of at least two academic trimesters. All student credentials are to be forwarded to the school district with a letter of interest/application materials.   |
| _Host families/guest homes must be established at least thirty days in advance   |
| of the beginning of the program. Student placement with a host family shall be made no more than a 50-mile radius of the sponsoring organization or supervising representative's office. A faculty advisor will be assigned to each student to serve as a liaison with him/her-between them and the host family. |
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| contact/oversight with the student, host family, and school personnel.   |
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| school personnel, and others involved with the program a minimum of thirty   |
| days prior to beginning of the program.  |
|  |
| of their enrollment.   |
| _Students participating in academic/foreign exchange programs are not eligible   |
| for free/reduced meals or other federally funded programs.   |

☐ The host school district maintains the responsibility, through the school administration, to terminate academic and/or exchange programs with thirty days written notice. In these circumstances, responsibility for additional costs lie with the student, host family, and/or sponsoring organization.

**Adopted: 10/17/83** 

(Revised: 11/07/83, 8/14/00, 6/03/2013)

#### TRANSGENDER AND NONBINARY STUDENTS

#### I. PURPOSE

The Gilford School District policy requires that all programs, activities, and employment practices be free from discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. This policy is designed in keeping with these mandates to create a safe learning environment for all students and to ensure that every student has equal access to all school programs and activities.

This policy sets out guidelines for schools and district staff to address the needs of transgender and nonbinary students and clarifies how state law, RSA 193:38, should be implemented in situations where questions may arise about how to protect the legal rights or safety of such students. This policy does not anticipate every situation that might occur with respect to transgender or nonbinary students, and the needs of each transgender or nonbinary student must be assessed on a case- by-case basis. In all cases, the goal is to ensure the safety, comfort, and healthy development of the transgender or nonbinary student while maximizing the student's social integration and minimizing stigmatization of the student.

When a student of and the student's parent or guardian, as appropriate, notifies the school administration that the student will assert a gender identity that differs from previous representations or records, the school will begin treating the student consistent with the student's gender identity. Under Title IX, there is no medical diagnosis or treatment requirement that students must meet as a prerequisite to being treated consistent with their gender identity. Transgender students often are unable to obtain identification documents that reflect their gender identity (e.g., due to restrictions imposed by state or local law in their place of birth or residence). Requiring students to produce such identification documents in order to treat them consistent with their gender identity may violate Title IX when doing so has the practical effect of limiting or denying students equal access to an educational program or activity.

This procedure will be used to address needs raised by transgender students and/or their parent(s)/guardian(s) for school and school activities.

- 1. A transgender student and/or their parent(s)/guardian(s) should contact the student's counselor or building administrator. In the case of a student who has not yet enrolled in school, the appropriate building administrator should be contacted.
- 2. A meeting should be scheduled to discuss the student's particular circumstances and needs. In addition to the student, parent(s)/guardian(s) and building administrator, participants may include the school counselor, school nurse, teachers and/or other school staff, and possibly outside providers who can assist in developing a plan for that student for school and school activities.
- 3. A written plan will be developed by the school, in consultation with the student, parent(s)/guardians(s) and others as appropriate, to address the student's particular needs at school and school activities. If the student has an IEP or a 504 Plan, the provisions of these plans should

- be taken into consideration in developing the plan for addressing transgender issues at school and school activities.
- 4. If the parties cannot reach an agreement about the elements to be included in the plan, the Superintendent shall be consulted as appropriate.

#### II. DEFINITIONS

The definitions provided here are not intended to label students but rather are intended to assist in understanding this policy and the legal obligations of District staff. Students might or might not use these terms to describe themselves.

"Gender identity" is a person's deeply held sense or psychological knowledge of their own gender, regardless of the gender they were assigned at birth. Everyone has a gender identity.

"Transgender" describes people whose gender identity is different from their gender assigned at birth.

"Gender expression" refers to the way a person expresses gender, such as clothing, hairstyles, activities, or mannerisms.

"Cisgender" refers to a person whose gender identity and expression are aligned with those traditionally associated with their assigned sex at birth.

"Nonbinary" describes an individual whose gender identity and/or expression does not align with the gender binary of male or female. A gender nonbinary person may describe their gender identity and/or expression as androgynous, genderfluid, genderqueer, agender, non-labeling, etc.

"Genderfluid" describes an individual whose gender identity and/or expression may be nonbinary or non-binary, who has a wider and more flexible range of gender expression that may even change from day to day. While the gender expression of a student who is genderfluid is flexible or may appear to change with some frequency, their genderfluid identity can be recognized as the "gender which the student consistently asserts at school" in regards to the policy.

"Gender Transition" is the process by which a person goes from living and identifying as one gender to living and identifying as another gender. Gender transition is typically prompted by the feeling that an individual's gender identity does not match the one typically associated with their assigned sex at birth. Examples include: transitioning from a boy to a girl, a girl to a boy, a girl to gender non-binary, or a boy to gender non-binary. For most elementary and secondary students, this involves no or minimal medical interventions. In most cases, transgender students under the age of 18 are in a process of "social transition" from one gender to another.

"Sexual Orientation" describes a person's romantic and/or sexual attraction. Sexual orientation is different and not the same as gender identity or gender expression. In this policy, sexual orientation refers to an individual's "actual or perceived" sexual orientation.

#### III. GUIDANCE

#### A. Privacy

The Gilford School Board recognizes a student's right to keep private one's transgender status or nonbinary presentation at school. The Board also recognizes a transgender and nonbinary student's right to discuss and express their gender identity openly. Information about a student's transgender status, legal name or biological sex listed on a person's birth certificate also may constitute confidential information. School personnel should not disclose information that may reveal a student's transgender status or nonbinary presentation to others. School personnel shall include parent(s) or legal guardian(s) when implementing a written plan for a student to address their needs as it relates to their transgender or nonbinary status.

When contacting the parent or legal guardian of a transgender or nonbinary student, school personnel should use the student's preferred name and pronoun listed in the student information system. Student's legal names shall not be changed in the official records unless legally required to do so.

#### **B.** Official Records

The District is required to maintain a mandatory permanent pupil record ("official record") that includes a student's legal name and legal gender. However, the District is not required to use a student's legal name and gender on other school records or documents. The District will change a student's official record to reflect a change in legal name or legal gender upon receipt of documentation that such change has been made pursuant to a court order. In situations where school staff or administrators are required by law to use or to report a transgender student's legal name or gender, such as for purposes of standardized testing, school staff and administrators shall adopt practices to avoid the inadvertent disclosure of such confidential information.

#### C. Names/Pronouns

A student Students under this policy should be addressed by a **their preferred** name or pronoun that corresponds to the student's gender identity that is consistently asserted at school. "Should" does not mean "shall" or "must" but is a permissive term.

#### D. Gender-Segregated Activities

To the extent possible, schools should reduce or eliminate the practice of segregating students by gender. In situations where students are segregated by gender, such as for health education classes, students should be included in the group that corresponds to their gender identity and have the choice; whatever fits the need of the student.

#### E. Restroom/Locker Room Accessibility

The use of restroom/locker rooms requires schools to consider a number of factors,

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including but not necessarily limited to the safety and comfort of students; the transgender student's preference; student privacy; the ages of students; and available facilities. As a general rule, transgender students will be permitted to use the restroom/locker room assigned to the gender which the student consistently asserts at school. Any student who has a need or desire for increased privacy, regardless of the underlying reason will be provided with a reasonable alternative changing area or single occupant bathroom.

#### G. Physical Education Classes & Intramural Sports

As a general rule, in any other facilities or activities when students may be separated by gender, transgender students may participate in accordance with the gender identity consistently asserted at school.

Interscholastic athletic activities should be addressed through the NHIAA participation policy, Article II, Section 21.

#### I. Dress Codes

All students are required to meet the requirements in the dress code or school rules. Transgender students may dress in accordance to the gender which the student consistently asserts at school.

#### J. Discrimination/Harassment

It is the responsibility of each school and the District to ensure that transgender and nonbinary students have a safe school environment. This includes ensuring that any incident of discrimination, harassment, or violence is given immediate attention, including investigating the incident, taking appropriate corrective action, and providing students and staff with appropriate resources, see Gilford School Board Policy ACAC. Complaints alleging discrimination, harassment or bullying based on a person's actual or perceived transgender status or gender nonconformity are to be handled in the same manner as other discrimination, harassment or bullying complaints. Refer to policy AC, ACAC, and/or JICK.

#### IV. STAFF TRAINING

- 1. The Superintendent and/or building principal may institute in-service training and/or distribute educational materials about transgender issues to school staff as deemed appropriate.
- 2. Teachers and other staff who have responsibilities for a transgender student with a plan, as outlined in this policy, will receive support in implementing the plan.

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