

**CHAPTER 16**  
**PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**6A:16-1.1 Purpose**

These rules specify minimum standards for district boards of education in establishing policies and procedures and in operating programs to support the social, emotional and physical development of students. Programs to support student development include school health services, athletic programs, intervention and referral services, programs of substance use prevention, intervention and treatment referral, school safety and alternative education. Included in these rules are standards for the delivery of educational services to general education students who are excluded from the general school setting for disciplinary reasons.

**6A:16-1.2 Scope**

These rules apply to the provision of programs and services for all preschool students with disabilities and all students in kindergarten through grade 12 by New Jersey public school districts, charter schools, licensed schools acting under contract to provide educational services on behalf of New Jersey public school districts and school programs operated by or under contract with the New Jersey Departments of Corrections and Human Services and the Juvenile Justice Commission, unless otherwise indicated. Throughout this chapter, "district board of education" refers to the governing authority for all of the agencies identified in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.2, unless otherwise indicated.

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Added " , unless otherwise indicated. Throughout this chapter, 'district board of education' refers to the governing authority for all of the agencies identified in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.2, unless otherwise indicated" following "Juvenile Justice Commission".

**6A:16-1.3 Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Advanced practice nurse" means a person who holds current certification as nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist from the State Board of Nursing.

"AIDS" means Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome.

"Alternative education program" means a non-traditional learning environment that addresses the individual learning styles and needs of disruptive or disaffected students at risk of school failure or mandated for removal from general education, that is based upon an Individualized Program Plan and New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and has been approved by the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-9.

"Assessment" means those procedures used by school staff to make a preliminary determination of a student's need for educational programs, supportive services or referral for outside services which extend beyond the general school program by virtue of learning, behavioral or health difficulties of the student or the student's family.

"Automatic external defibrillator" means a device that automatically detects shockable cardiac arrhythmia and can provide defibrillation as part of basic life support in non-healthcare settings.

"Certified school nurse" means a person who holds a current license as a registered professional nurse from the State Board of Nursing and an Educational Services Endorsement: School Nurse from the Department of Education.

"Code of student conduct" means standards, policies and procedures established by district boards of education for positive student development and student behavioral expectations on school grounds, including on school buses or at school-sponsored functions, and, as appropriate, conduct away from school grounds, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.

"Delegation" means the transfer of responsibility for performance of an activity from one individual to another, with the former retaining accountability for the outcome.

"Do Not Resuscitate order" or "DNR order" means a written directive signed by the parent or guardian of a student who, after consultation with the pediatrician and other advisors, declines emergency administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) to the student.

"Evaluation" means those procedures used by a certified or licensed professional to make a positive determination of a student's need for programs and services which extend beyond the general school program by virtue of learning, behavior or health difficulties of the student or the student's family.

"Expulsion" means the discontinuance of educational services or the discontinuance of payment of educational services for a student.