



<p><b>Subject:</b>  <i>Public School Identification Cards</i></p> <p><b>Date Issued: October 1, 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Legal Reference:</b>  <i>HB 1109 (2023-2024 Legislative Session)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>RSA 193-K:1</i></li> </ul> <p><i>SB 234 (2021-2022 Legislative Session)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>RSA 193-J:2-a</i></li> </ul> <p><i>SB 282 (2019-2020 Legislative Session)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>RSA 193-J</i></li> </ul>
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*This Technical Advisory continues the New Hampshire Department of Education’s communication regarding new legislation passed during the 2024 legislative session. HB 1109 amended RSA 193-J:2-a, relative to requiring student identification cards to include the new 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number and created chapter RSA 193-K, relative to Eating Disorder Education.*

*This Technical Advisory explains the requirements of the newly created section and updates a previous Technical Advisory, issued on September 28, 2022, on the pre-existing chapter, RSA 193-J.*

*HB 1109 became effective on August 13, 2024.*

***Suicide Prevention Education (RSA 193-J)--***

By way of relevant background, RSA 193-J, Suicide Prevention Education, was enacted during the 2019-2020 legislative session and required school districts and chartered public schools to 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 law was amended during the 2021-2022 legislative session, to require schools serving students in grades 6 through 12 that issue student identification cards to include the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Since that legislative enactment, the number has been changed to be the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline as the national, three-digit phone number for suicide prevention and crisis intervention in the United States. HB 1109 amended the pre-existing law to reflect this new number and requires school districts and chartered public schools serving grades 6-12 which issues student identification cards to include the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number. The existing law further requires that school districts and chartered public schools certify to their respective governing bodies that the contact information included on the student identification cards is accurate and up-to-date. Therefore, school districts and chartered public schools should take this opportunity to ensure that student identification cards reflect the correct number.

More information about the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline can be found at their website [www.988lifeline.org](http://www.988lifeline.org).

***Eating Disorder Education (RSA 193-K)--***

HB 1109 also created a new section in the law, RSA 193-K, relative to Eating Disorder Education. This new section, similar to the provision on suicide prevention education in RSA 193-J set forth above, requires that school districts and chartered public schools which serve students in grades 6 through 12, include the telephone number for the National Alliance for Eating Disorders Helpline on the student identification cards. This new requirement applies to all new and replacement student identification cards issued after the statute's effective date. Additionally, prior to the start of each school year, the public schools and chartered schools which are covered by this legal requirement must certify to their respective governing bodies that the contact information included on the student identification cards is accurate and up-to-date.

At the time of the issuance of this Technical Advisory, The National Alliance for Eating Disorder number is 1(866)662-1235.

Additional information about their resources and support can be found on their website at [www.allianceforeatingdisorders.com](http://www.allianceforeatingdisorders.com).

The full text of HB 1109 can be found [here](#).

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