STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

Belief

The Division believes no child should be denied an education on medical grounds. The Division also believes it has a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for students.

Procedures

1. It is expected that staff members shall act in accordance with the doctrine of “in loco parentis” when dealing with student illness or injury.

2. School personnel shall cooperate with public health officials and other groups in the provision of health services such as testing, inoculation and health education programming.

3. School personnel shall be aware that the common law doctrine of “in loco parentis” does not allow them to give consent for any medical treatment on behalf of a parent.

4. Where a student is:
   4.1 Dependent upon sophisticated life-support medication; or
   4.2 Inordinately vulnerable to severe reaction or injury, the Principal shall ensure that appropriate arrangements with guardians are made for the welfare of the child. The Principal shall:
      4.2.1 Make reasonable provisions with parents which will enable the child to receive special medical treatment as required at school; or
      4.2.2 Recommend to the Superintendent a more suitable educational setting for the student.

5. Staff members shall not provide students with any non-prescription medication (aspirins, etc.).

6. Each year parents shall complete a form listing the medical conditions of their children (allergies, physical conditions, or physical differences, etc.) so that school staff are aware of problems and can take appropriate action to protect the child.

7. Doctor’s certificates must accompany student or parental requests for students to be excused from specific programs.

8. Principals shall be responsible to ensure that all staff are advised of student medical conditions.
9. Staff shall familiarize themselves with the medical conditions of students.

10. Parents shall inform bus drivers of special medical conditions of their child(ren) and appropriate actions required for the safety of their child(ren).

Reference: Section 18, 20, 45, 60, 61, School Act
Emergency Medical Aid Act