

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

Activities may include identification of student health needs, health screening tests (including eye and hearing screening tests), communicable disease prevention and control, promotion of the correction of remediable health defects, emergency care of the ill and injured, health counseling, health and safety education, and the maintenance of a healthful school environment.

The District recognizes that parent/guardian(s) have the primary responsibility for the health of their children. The school will cooperate with appropriate professional organizations associated with maintaining individual and community health and safety.

The District shall provide the services of a medical consultant who shall render medical and administrative consultative services for personnel responsible for school health and athletics.

Procedures for Emergency at School

School personnel shall give only emergency care to students who become ill or injured on school property, buses, or while under school supervision.

Each year parent/guardian(s) shall supply information indicating physician information; health insurance status; name, address, and phone number of individuals to be contacted in case the parents/guardian is not available; and any medical issues the student may have including allergies, daily medications, vision or hearing difficulties.

The District shall maintain a Medical Emergency Response Plan, as required by law, and an Emergency Procedures Handbook, which will be utilized by District personnel for handling emergencies. Emergency procedures will include the following:

- Provision for care beyond First Aid, which would enable care by the family or its physician or the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies. In instances when EMS is required, every effort will be made to provide the unit with the student's Emergency Card, which lists any allergies or medical issues the student might have;
- Information relative to not permitting the administration of any form of medicine or drugs to students without written approval of parents/guardian. Requests made by parents/guardian for such administration of medication will be reviewed and approved by the Principal or designee;
- Provisions for reporting all accidents, cases of injury, or illness to the Principal. Provisions will be made (in all cases of injury or illness involving possible legal or public relations implications) for reporting such to the appropriate executive director of education immediately;
- Prompt reporting by teachers to the Principal or designee any accident or serious illness and such reports will be filed with the school health office.

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Student Illness or Injury

In case of illness or injury, the parent/guardian will be contacted by the school nurses.

Transportation of an ill or injured student is not normally to be provided by the school. If the parents/guardian cannot provide transportation and the student is ill or injured, an ambulance may be called. Expense incurred as a result of emergency ambulance use will not be borne by the District.

If parent or guardian is not available to accompany the student to the ER, the school nurse or another staff member designated by the principal will accompany the student

Transportation of a student by school personnel will be done only in an emergency and by the individual so designated by the school administrator.

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CROSS REF.: EBB, First Aid
EBC, Emergency Plans
JLCD, Administration of Medication to Students