

ACCIDENTS/ILLNESS

Each Principal shall develop a program of accident prevention suited to his/her school. The Superintendent shall review and approve such programs. When unforeseen situations arise, and an accident occurs, a school nurse or other assigned staff member shall be responsible for providing emergency services to a child or staff member. The School Physician shall prepare a list of first aid treatment for the most common minor injuries. This list shall be made known to the staff.

Guidelines for Dealing with Accident/Injury

- A. The school nurse or another trained person shall be responsible for administering first aid. Universal precautions shall be taken in the handling of blood and body fluids to ensure the containment of bloodborne pathogens (see policy and regulation 3160 Employee Health).
- B. In all cases where the nature of an injury appears in any way serious, every effort shall be made to contact the parent/guardian and/or family physician immediately;
- C. Parents/guardians shall be requested to pick up their child. If a parent/guardian is unable to provide such transportation, the emergency contact provided by the parent will be called. If parent and/or emergency contact are not able to pick up the student he/she will remain in the health office until parent/emergency contact arrives.
- D. In extreme emergencies, the school nurse, school doctor or Principal may make arrangements for immediate hospitalization of injured students, contacting parents/guardians in advance if at all possible;
- E. The teacher or other staff member who is responsible for a child at the time an accident occurs shall make out a report within 24 hours on an official form providing details about the accident. This shall be required for every accident whether first aid is necessary or not;
- F. Any injuries or accidents to students shall be reported as soon as possible to the Superintendent and the Board.

Emergency Medical Procedures for Sports/Athletics

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for student safety encompassing all aspects of sports and athletic events in both intramural and interscholastic programs. The Board directs the Superintendent to develop and implement emergency medical procedures to ensure delivery of appropriate emergency medical services for all practice sessions, competitive contests, games, events, or exhibitions with individual students or teams of the schools of this district whether among themselves or with students of other districts.

The Board further directs that these emergency medical procedures be disseminated to appropriate personnel within this district and address practice sessions and both home and away events.

When necessary, the Board directs the Superintendent to report on the effectiveness of the emergency medical procedures to the Board annually for its review.

ILLNESS

When students are taken suddenly ill in school, they shall be sent or escorted to the Nurse's office. If the Nurse is not in the medical office, the student shall be sent or taken to the building Principal's office. In general, the same procedures that apply to accidents shall apply to sudden student illness. The Superintendent, in cooperation with the School Physician, shall implement this policy.

Control of Contagious Diseases or Conditions

In order to protect the health of the students in our schools, all regulations of the state department of Education, the state department of health and the local Board of health shall be scrupulously observed, particularly those dealing with contagious or infectious diseases or conditions. Students who have been absent because of contagious or infectious diseases or conditions must present a certificate of recovery from a licensed medical professional or be examined by the School Physician.

The School Nurse shall observe students who show evidence of communicable disease and recommend their exclusion to the school Principal. Recommendations shall be consistent with reporting requirements on communicable diseases as set forth in the New Jersey Health Code. Such students shall be isolated in the Nurse's office until a parent/guardian picks them up, and any necessary measures have been taken to prevent spread of the infection. The School Nurse, under the direction of the School Physician, shall instruct all teachers in the symptoms of the most common diseases or conditions at least once a year.

Any student with HIV infection or AIDS or who lives with or is related to someone with HIV or AIDS shall not be excluded from general education, transportation services, extracurricular activities, athletic activities, assigned to home instruction or classified as eligible for special education because of the HIV infection. The School Nurse shall recommend the exclusion of any individual with weeping skin lesions that cannot be covered.

In addition to the review of health and safety measures required by law, the School Nurse shall individually instruct teachers from whose classrooms a student has been excluded in the symptoms of the disease for which the student was excluded. Student rights and confidentiality shall be protected in accordance with law. No teacher shall attempt to diagnose any illness of a student, but shall refer suspected cases to the Nurse immediately.

Handling Blood and Body Fluids

The Superintendent and School Physician shall develop detailed routine procedures based on New Jersey administrative code and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control for proper handling of blood and body fluids resulting from illness/accidents in the schools. These procedures shall be disseminated to all district staff and volunteers.

The School Physician shall report all cases of communicable disease to the local Board of Health as required by law.

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