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STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

The District recognizes that parents have the primary responsibility for the health of their students. The school will cooperate with appropriate professional organizations associated with maintaining individual and community health and safety.

Student health services may include identification of student health needs, such as information obtained via mandated screenings, which includes vision, hearing, postural, and growth and development. Screenings may also be done for student academic evaluation as needed or as requested by school staff and/or parents/guardians. Screenings are not diagnostic and are used to help families obtain appropriate health referrals. Health services also include 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 school nurse will maintain the school health record in the school health office. The school nurse will follow up with obtaining appropriate documentation of immunizations, physical exam requirements, and referrals for screenings with parents/guardians. Students may receive treatments and medications as appropriate and if prescribed by physician.

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 parents shall supply information indicating where the student is to be taken in case of an emergency; the name, address, and phone number of an emergency contact to be contacted in case the parent/guardian is not available; and any allergies or diseases the student might have.

It is the responsibility of the parent to supply accurate and up to date health and medical information, including emergency medications with the appropriate documentation with parent and physician, PA, or NP signatures.

The District shall maintain an Emergency Procedures Handbook, which shall be utilized by District personnel for handling emergencies. Emergency procedures shall include the following:

- Provision for care beyond First Aid, which would enable care by the family or its physician or the Paramedic Assistance Unit of the Fire Department.
- In instances when the Paramedic Assistance Unit is required, every effort shall be made to provide the unit with the student's emergency information which lists any allergies or diseases the student might have.
- Provisions for reporting all accidents, cases of injury, or illness to the Principal.

- Provisions shall be made in all cases of injury or illness involving possible legal or public relations implications for reporting such to the Superintendent of Schools immediately
- Prompt reporting by teachers to the Principal or designee any accident or serious illness and such reports will be filed with the business office in the school building.

Student Illness or Injury

In case of illness or injury, the parent/guardian or emergency contact will be contacted to pick up the student.

Transportation of an ill or injured student is not to be provided by the school. If the parent 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.

Legal Refs.: M.G.L. 71:53 School Physicians and Nurses
M.G.L. 71:54 Examination of Children and School Personnel
M.G.L. 71:54A Physician or Person Trained in Emergency Medical Care; Assignment to Interscholastic Football Games
M.G.L. 71:54B Administration of Medications in School Settings; Regulations
M.G.L. 71:55 Contagious Diseases; Regulations
M.G.L. 71:55A Sick, Injured Students, or Incapacitated Pupils; Procedure for Handling; Emergency First Aid or Transportation; Exemption from Civil Liability
M.G.L. 71:56 Sick Children; Notification of Parents
M.G.L. 71:57 Physical Examination of Pupils; Eye Examination, Written Report

Cross Ref.: EBB, First Aid

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