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Student Health Services and Requirements

The Board of Education will provide for the health and physical well-being of students through the establishment of a districtwide student health services program in the school district. The district nursing staff has oversight of the coordinated student health services program and will work with the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). The SHAC shall be composed of a school nurse, a counselor and appropriate members of the community. Meetings, records and votes of the SHAC will adhere to the requirements of the Missouri Sunshine Law. The purpose of the district health services program is to help each student attend school in optimum health and to benefit from the school experience.

Nurses will be employed to staff the health services program. They shall serve under the direction of the building principal and, if necessary, under the supervision of qualified medical personnel. All contacts with parents/guardians regarding health services will be made by the nurse, the principal or his or her designee. The school nursing staff will provide the following services:

1. Administer laws that protect the health of children attending public schools in Missouri, including:
 - a. Immunization against certain contagious diseases, with certain exceptions.
 - b. Exclusion from attendance of students having contagious diseases.
 - c. Reporting the presence or suspected presence of diseases mandated for reporting by law.
2. Emergency first aid treatment for accident or illness occurring during the school day.
3. The administration of medication, pursuant to Board policy, including training unlicensed personnel in the administration of medications. A qualified member of the nursing staff is responsible for developing procedures for the training of unlicensed personnel as well as devising protocols for the administration of medications by unlicensed personnel. In accordance with law, qualified employees will be held harmless and immune from civil liability for administering medication, medical services or lifesaving methods in good faith and according to standard medical practice. A qualified employee is one who has been trained to administer medication according to standard medical practice.
4. Assistance in carrying out the district's responsibilities outlined in section 504 plans, Individualized Health Plans (IHPs) or Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
5. Guidance and counseling concerning health problems of students.
6. Maintenance of student health records, including the maintenance of emergency information forms for each student. The nurse will ensure that the school principal has access to all student health records. The nurse will store health records in a secure location, and any health information provided orally will be reduced to writing and stored appropriately. District employees shall not share information regarding a student's health in front of other students or staff members who do not have a need

to know the information. Student records will be stored and disclosed in accordance with Board policy.

7. Age-appropriate health education in the district's instructional program, in accordance with Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) Standards and Missouri Grade-Level Expectations (GLEs), including information about the prevention and control of communicable diseases, the use of universal precautions, allergy prevention and response, blood-borne pathogens, and handling of bodily fluids. The nurse will maintain information developed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) relating to human papillomavirus (HPV) and may provide this information directly to parents/guardians, but not to students.
8. Screening tests for vision, hearing, scoliosis and lice.
9. Notification of the school principal if informed of a condition that could require accommodation under federal law.
10. Maintenance of copies of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for all pesticides used in the district.
11. Development and annual review of a Health Services Plan.
12. Training staff as necessary to implement the district's health and safety program.

NOTE: The district and its agents may not provide contraceptive devices or contraceptive drugs. (Referral to the family practitioner for such devices or drugs will only be in accordance with the parental notification checklist requirements of state law.)

Physical Examinations and Screenings

"Screening" is the use of a procedure to examine a large population to determine the presence of a health condition or risk factor in order to identify those who need further evaluation. Screening tests for various health conditions (such as vision, hearing and scoliosis) will be conducted in accordance with administrative procedures. Students may also be weighed and measured. Parents/Guardians will receive a written notice of any screening result that indicates a condition that might interfere with a student's progress or health.

In general, the school district will not conduct physical examinations of a student without parental consent to do so unless the health or safety of the student or others is in question or unless by court order.

Further, parents will be notified of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening administered by the district is conducted that is:

1. Required as a condition of attendance.
2. Administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance.
3. Not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student or other

students.

Parents or eligible students will be given the opportunity to opt out of the above-described nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening.

As used in this policy, the term "invasive physical examination" means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening.

Students who wish to participate in certain extracurricular activities may be required to submit to a physical examination to verify their ability to participate in the activity. Students participating in activities governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association will be required to follow the rules of that organization.

All parents will be notified at least at the beginning of the school year of the district's policy on physical examinations and screening of students. Parents will also be notified within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change in the policy.

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