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|  | ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT | NEPN Code: JLC |
| | POLICIES AND REGULATIONS | |

STUDENT HEALTH

The Aberdeen School District recognizes it has a responsibility to provide a health program designed to maintain, improve, and promote the health of school-aged children, enabling them to reach their educational goals. The Aberdeen School District will formulate policies for provision of health and first aid services, communicable disease control and exclusion from school, immunization of students, and supervision of medication administration and health care intervention.

The Health Service Program of the Aberdeen schools will include the following:

- First aid & emergency service
- Health & immunization records
- Health assessment and screening
- Communicable disease control
- Health education, counseling, and follow-up
- Resource to District classrooms on health related topics
- Wellness promotion
- Supervision of medication administration
- Health care intervention and treatments for medically involved students
- School district coordinated physical exams for school athletics

FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – STUDENT REGULATIONS

Upon school entry the parents/guardians of each student will be asked to submit pertinent medical information, emergency instructions, and emergency telephone numbers. This information is to be updated annually and as needed throughout the school year.

Each school in the district is prepared to give first aid in the case of accident or illness occurring in school. First aid is that immediate help given by the best qualified person on hand in case of accident or sudden illness. At least one person in each building will have had training in first aid. First aid supplies will be kept and properly maintained in each school. Treatment of injury occurring outside school jurisdiction is not the responsibility of school personnel.

All school personnel are responsible for student welfare. School personnel are expected to limit themselves to the usual and accepted practice of first aid. Medical diagnosis and treatment of illness are not the responsibilities of the District and shall not be practiced by school personnel.

Injury/Illness Procedure

If a student is injured or becomes ill at school, an effort will be made by the available personnel to contact the parents/guardians of the student for instructions. If a parent/guardian or designated persons cannot be contacted and/or the illness or injury is believed to require immediate medical attention, the person in charge should arrange for the student to be taken to a doctor or hospital for treatment. Action on the part of school personnel does not obligate personnel or the School District to assume financial responsibility for the transportation or treatment of the student.

Under no circumstances will the student be permitted to go home alone without parent/guardian permission. No seriously sick or injured student should be allowed to go home without being accompanied by a responsible adult. The arrangements for transportation of the student are the responsibility of the parent. In the case of minor illness, the child will remain at school in a supervised area out of the classroom if no adult can be contacted.

Upon consultation with the Building Principal, the School Nurse may make home visits to discuss student health problems and/or attendance concerns which are health related with parents.

Accident Reports

All accidents involving students should be reported to the Building Principal. Accident report forms provided by the School Health Office should be completed by the person in charge when the accident occurs. Accident reports are to be sent to the School Health Office, with a copy retained in the building. The Athletic Director will also receive a copy if the injury occurs during an organized athletic practice or event. Upon request, a copy will be sent to the Assistant Director of Finance.

HEALTH CARE INTERVENTION AND TREATMENTS FOR MEDICALLY INVOLVED STUDENTS

The School Board recognizes the need for health care intervention during the school day when arrangements to receive the services outside the school day are not in the best interest of the student. Supervision and intervention will be provided for students who have a medical problem when it is determined that the service is necessary and appropriate for the District to provide.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to report a student's need for health care intervention to the Building Principal and the School Nurse. Parents shall be responsible for providing appropriate forms, equipment, and supplies necessary for the services. Services will be provided by the School Nurse. If appropriate, the services may be delegated and supervised by the nurse to trained school personnel.

Communication between the physician and/or parent and school personnel is recognized to be important if maximum gains of the services are to be achieved. Some services may require that the parent provide physician's written orders such as IV therapy, catheterization, etc, as determined by the School Nurse. The School Board maintains the right to refuse to provide intensive clinical services when it is not in the best interest of the District.

HEALTH SCREENING

Routine health screenings, including areas such as vision, hearing, scoliosis, height, weight, and communicable disease, will be conducted on students in certain grade levels according to time available and demonstrated need. Screening is also conducted on all new elementary students and teacher/parent requests. Parents will be notified of the need for further evaluation. Assistance will be provided in finding available community financial and health resources. Screening results are maintained in the Health Office along with immunization records and any noted health concerns.

DISTRICT POLICY REFERENCES:

JLCC - STUDENTS/COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES

JLCB - IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

JLCD - MEDICATIONS

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