

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

The Board recognizes that many students have medical problems that may interfere with learning. Health guidance and services are necessary to ensure the health and safety of all students in the school setting.

District Health Services shall provide health direction through consultation with licensed registered nurses holding school nurse credentials. District Health Services shall recommend to the Board all policies and procedures relative to the health needs of all students. The principal shall be responsible for the supervision of all health services and implementation of all procedures on site.

Areas of responsibility may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. First Aid and Emergency Care
2. Record Keeping
3. Mandated Screening
4. Medication Administration
5. Confidential List
6. Immunization Requirements
7. Communicable Disease Control (CDC)
8. Child Abuse or Neglect Consultation
9. Emergency Plans
10. Health History
11. Health Representative on IEP Team
12. Other Health Impaired Eligibility
13. Diligent Care
14. Health Counseling
15. Health Inservices
16. Health Education Resource

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17. California Children Services (CCS) referrals
18. Specialized Health Care Procedures
19. Environmental Health
20. Health Referrals
21. Frequent absences for health reasons
22. Community Resources
23. Disaster Preparedness
24. Direct Nursing Care
25. Any other health related issues

The model for health service delivery under the direction of health services and supervision of the principal is as follows:

1. **Student Health Care Specialists** are licensed personnel who provide clinical specialized physical health care procedures for identified students under the indirect supervision of a credentialed school nurse.
2. **Health Technicians** provide first aid care and designated specialized physical health care procedures under the indirect supervision of a credentialed school nurse.
3. **Non-licensed personnel** as selected by the principal provide designated specialized physical health care under written procedures with indirect supervision of a credentialed school nurse.
4. **Parents/Guardians** are responsible for the health care of their children. Teachers inform parents of the student's health needs when it affects their learning and encourage parents to follow up with needed medical care. Mandated screenings are provided according to legal guidelines. All Health Services staff assists with medical referrals, community resources, parent education, and staff consultation.

All students shall be protected from the risks posed by exposure to infectious disease in the school setting; precautions will be taken to protect students from the risks. Student confidentiality rights are strictly observed in accordance with law. No district employee shall release medical information, including knowledge of a bloodborne pathogen infection, without written consent

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from the parent/guardian. Such information shall be shared only with those persons specifically named in the written permission.

Appropriate action shall be taken on behalf of students whenever an emergency threatens the safety, health, or welfare of a student at school or during school-sponsored activities. Parents shall provide emergency information in order to facilitate immediate contact with parents/guardians if an accident or illness occurs.

The Governing Board directs the employees of the district to report known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect in accordance with state law and district administrative procedures. District employees shall cooperate with the Child Protective Services (CPS) unit responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases within the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

Mandated Screenings shall be provided to all students at designated grade levels.

Good physical and mental health is critical to a student's ability to learn; therefore, the Board believes that all students should have access to comprehensive health and social services. The district shall promote the participation by district students in affordable, comprehensive health coverage programs when necessary.