

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND RECORDS

The purpose of the school health program shall be to supplement the efforts and guidance of parents/guardians to raise student awareness of the benefits of regular health care.

The objectives of the school health program are:

1. to promote good health habits among students,
2. to stimulate a sanitary, safe and healthful environment in school,
3. to assist in the identification and referral to appropriate health care providers for medical, psychological and physical needs,
4. and to assist in the provision of emergency service for injury or sudden illness at school.

Health Records

Health records shall be maintained by the nursing staff and kept in a separate and secure health file in the school health office. Health records of students with human immunodeficiency virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) shall be kept in a locked environment/secure database to maintain confidentiality. (refer to regulation JLCCA-R-1)

Access to the health files shall be limited to only those school personnel who have a specific and legitimate educational interest in the information for use in furthering a student's academic achievement or maintaining a safe and orderly teaching environment. Access to the health files of students with confidential health conditions (such as HIV/AIDS) shall be limited to health office personnel and emergency medical personnel unless the parent/guardian has provided written permission to do otherwise.

The nursing staff shall maintain a log showing who has been given access, when access occurred and to which specific records.

Annual Screening Programs

The sight and hearing of all students in kindergarten, first, second, third, fifth, seventh and ninth grades or other students referred for testing shall be tested during the school year by the school nurse, teacher, principal, or other qualified person authorized by the district, as required by law.

The parent/guardian shall be informed when a concern is found.

Parental Consent

Parental consent shall be required for all examinations noted above if given by a school physician or under auspices of the school. However, parental consent shall not be mandatory to refer a student to public health or other doctors for medical services in connection with pregnancy, venereal disease, or alcohol or drug abuse. The district shall encourage students to seek health services related to such problems with or without parental consent.

As otherwise provided by law, parents/guardians and eligible students (students 18 years of age or older or an emancipated minor) shall receive notice and have the opportunity to opt a student out of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening (such as routine hearing, vision, and dental screenings) that is:

1. normally required as a condition of attendance;
2. administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance; and
3. not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or other students.

Dental Health

The district shall participate in programs to encourage good dental health, including instruction, dental examination clinics when available and referral to agencies that can provide aid for those in need.

Communicable Diseases

Students showing symptoms of a communicable disease, an infectious condition, or illness or disability of a serious nature shall be referred to the school health office. The school health office shall report the presence of a communicable disease to the appropriate officials, if action is necessary to protect the health of other students and staff.

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Legal refs.: C.R.S. 22-1-116 (vision and hearing tests)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(ee) (duty to adopt policy prohibiting personnel from recommending or requiring certain drugs for students)
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(bb) (power to recommend examinations of students)
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (2) (grounds for suspension, expulsion, denial of admission)
C.R.S. 25-4-901 et seq. (school entry immunization)
C.R.S. 25-6-102 (dissemination of contraceptive information)
20 U.S.C. 7906 (prohibition against use of Title I funds to operate program of contraception in schools contained in NCLB Act)

Cross refs.: GBEB, Staff Conduct
JF, Student Admissions to School
JLCB, Immunization of Students
JLCC, Communicable Diseases
JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students
JLDAC, Screening/Testing of Students (and Treatment of Mental Disorders)
JLF, Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection
JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information