

## **Student Health Services and Requirements**

Although the district's primary responsibility is to educate students, the students' health and general welfare is also a major Board concern. The Board believes school programs should be conducted in a manner that protects and enhances student and employee health and is consistent with good health practices.

The nurse employed by the district shall have the appropriate license and approval to practice in a school district in Nevada and will function as an integral member of the instructional staff, serving as a resource person to teachers in securing appropriate information and materials on health-related topics.

The district shall maintain a prevention-oriented health services program which provides:

1. Pertinent health information on the students, as required by Nevada statutes or rules;
2. Health appraisal to include screening for possible vision or hearing problems and also scoliosis;
3. Health counseling for students and parents, when appropriate;
4. Health-care and first-aid assistance that are appropriately supervised and isolates the sick or injured child from the student body;
5. Control and prevention of communicable diseases as required by Nevada Department of Human Services, Health Services, and the county health department;
6. Assistance for students in taking prescription and/or nonprescription medication according to established district procedures;
7. Services for students who are medically fragile or have special health-care needs;
8. Integration of school health services with school health education programs.

The Board directs its district health staff to coordinate with health personnel from other public agencies in matters pertaining to health instruction or the general health of students and employees.

In accordance with the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the district recognizes its responsibility to notify parents in advance of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination<sup>1</sup> or screening that is required as condition of attendance; administered and

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<sup>1</sup>The term "invasive physical examination," as defined by law, 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. The term does not include any physical examination or screening that is permitted or required by state law, including physical examinations or screenings that are permitted without parental notification.

scheduled by the school in advance; and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students.

Procedures shall be developed and implemented to carry out this policy. All district employees will be appraised of their responsibilities in this area. Parents shall have the opportunity to request their students be exempt from participation in scoliosis, vision or hearing screening. The district will abide by those requests.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98 (2000).