

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

The Board recognizes the responsibility of the District to help protect the health of students. Health services are an integral part of comprehensive school improvement, assisting all students to increase learning, achievement and performance. Health services coordinate and support existing programs to assist each student in achievement of an optimal state of physical, mental and social well-being. Student health services ensure continuity and create linkages between school, home and community service providers. The District's comprehensive school improvement plan, needs and resources determine the linkages. The principal is responsible for the administration of the health program in his/her school.

Of necessity, school health services must be limited to the prevention and detection of health problems, referral of problems through parents to the family physicians or community health agencies and emergency care.

Each school shall have on file for each student an emergency medical authorization form providing information from the parent(s) on how they wish the school to proceed in the event of a health emergency involving the student and authorization for the school in case emergency action must be taken.

Annually, the District will notify parents of physical exams or screenings conducted on students except for vision, hearing or scoliosis.

Parental Authorization for Student Health Care Services

The District obtains parental authorization before providing any type of health care services to students, including physical, mental and behavioral health care services and parents can choose whether to authorize the District to provide health care services. The Board directs the Superintendent to adopt procedures to obtain necessary authorization from parents, which may include but is not limited to whatever means the District generally obtains parental authorization.

At the beginning of each school year, the District notifies parents of each health care service offered at, or facilitated in cooperation with, their student's school and their option to withhold consent or decline any specified service. Parental consent to health care services does not waive the parent's right to access the student's educational or health records or to be notified about a change in the student's services or monitoring.

The District notifies parents prior to providing a health care service to a student whether the service is required to be provided by the District under State law and if other options for a

student to access the service exist. This requirement can be satisfied by an annual notice to parents at the beginning of the school year.

Provisions related to parental authorization for student health care services do not apply to emergency situations, first aid, other unanticipated minor health care services or health care services provided pursuant to a student's IEP or section 504 plan.

Concerns regarding this process are managed in accordance with applicable policies and procedures.

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Legal References

Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act; 29 USC 1181 et seq.
42 USC 12101 et seq. (1997)
20 USC 1232g et seq.
20 USC Section 1400
20 USC 6301 et seq.
29 USC 794(a) (1988)
ORC 3313.473, 3313.50, 3313.67 through 3313.73
OAC 3301-35-04, 3301-35-06

Cross References

IGBA, Programs for Students With Disabilities
IGBLA, Promoting Parental Involvement
JED, Student Absences and Excuses
JHCB, Immunizations
JHCD, Administering Medicines to Students
JHG, Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training