

The Parma school district recognizes that schools are responsible for protecting the morals and health of students while attending school or school-sponsored activities, including providing first aid or emergency treatment in case of sudden illness or injury to a student. The district also recognizes the fundamental right and duty of parents/guardians to make decisions concerning the furnishing of health care services to a minor child. Consistent with its responsibility, the district may maintain certain health information of students and take certain actions in emergencies as described in this policy.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this policy:

“Health care provider” means a physician, health care practitioner, or other individual licensed, accredited, or certified to perform health care services or provide counseling consistent with state law, or any agent or third-party representative thereof.

“Health care service” means a service for the diagnosis, screening, examination, prevention, treatment, cure, care, or relief of any physical or mental health condition, illness, injury, defect, or disease.

“Health information” means information or data, collected or recorded in any form or medium, and personal facts of information about events or relationships that relates to: (i) the past, present, or future physical, mental, or behavioral health or condition of an individual or member of the individual’s family; (ii) the provision of health care services to an individual; or (iii) payment for the provision of health care services to an individual.

“Minor child” means an individual under eighteen (18) years of age but does not include an individual who is an emancipated minor.

HEALTH RECORDS

Each school within the district may maintain the following health records and health information for each student:

1. A record showing the medical history and pertinent information relating to immunizations; and
2. Information setting forth:
 - a. The name of the family doctor;
 - b. The name of a contact person in case the parent/guardian cannot be reached in an emergency;
 - c. Any physical or medical condition the student might have that may require school personnel attention;
 - d. Authorization from the parent/guardian to obtain emergency medical attention if the parent/guardian is not available.

3. A health care plan for any student who has a medical condition that requires administration of medications at school.
4. Record of medications administered at school and emergency care provided to the student.

Health information maintained by the district will be provided to the parent/guardian of a minor child upon written request by the parent/guardian unless (1) the parent/guardian’s access to the requested health information is prohibited by court order; or (2) where the parent/guardian is a subject of investigation related to a crime committed against the minor child and a law enforcement officer requests that the information not be released to the parent/guardian.

EMERGENCY CARE

All employees of the district will protect the health of students and will take reasonable measures to provide for the emergency care of any student that becomes ill or is injured on school property, during school hours, or at a school-sponsored event. At the beginning of each school year, school staff may request parent/guardian consent to provide emergency medical care to a minor child during the school year. Where parental consent has not been provided, school staff may furnish emergency medical care for a minor child when the school nurse, school counselor or other authorized school staff reasonably determines that a medical emergency exists and: (i) furnishing the health care service is necessary in order to prevent death or imminent, irreparable physical injury to the student; or (ii) after a reasonably diligent effort, the school nurse, school counselor or other authorized school staff cannot locate or contact the student’s parent/guardian and the student’s life or health would be seriously endangered by further delay in the furnishing of health care services.

The district is not responsible for the cost of any medical care provided to the student by a health care provider or the cost of transporting the student for the purpose of obtaining such medical care. The district will maintain a record of any injury or illness, and the emergency care and other actions taken by staff members in response to the incident.

If a child develops symptoms of illness while at school, the responsible school officials shall do the following:

1. Isolate the child immediately from other children in a room or area segregated for that purpose.
2. Inform the child’s parent/guardian as soon as possible about the illness and request that the child be picked up from school.
3. Report each case of suspected communicable disease the same day by telephone to the local health authority, or as soon as possible thereafter if no contact can be made the same day.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

32-1015 – Parental Rights in Medical Decision-Making

33-512(4) – Governance of Schools (Morals and Health of Pupils)

Czaplicki v. Gooding Joint School District, 116 Idaho 326 (1989)

Doe v. Durtschi, 110 Idaho 466 (1986)

CROSS-REFERENCE:

Food Allergies #559

Administering Medications #561

Exclusion for Communicable Diseases #562

Exclusion for Head Lice #563

Immunization Requirements #565

Parental Rights and Involvement Policy #639

Bloodborne Pathogens #990

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