Policy

SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS

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Epilepsy, also known as a seizure disorder, is a neurological condition associated with abnormal electrical activity in the brain that affects the nervous system by causing sudden recurrent episodes of sensory disturbance, convulsions, or loss of consciousness. District staff need to be adequately prepared to provide care for students with epilepsy during the school day or at school sponsored functions. To ensure that the district provides support for students diagnosed with epilepsy and seizure disorders, the district will train staff on these disorders and their impact on student learning and academic achievement.

The seizure training program will include instruction on recognizing the signs and symptoms of a seizure, appropriate response strategies for treating a student who exhibits these symptoms and administering prescribed seizure medications.

The training program will be consistent with the guidelines and best practices established by a qualified nonprofit organization that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders, such as the Epilepsy Foundation or a similar organization. Training will be offered virtually annually.

The superintendent will ensure that the South Carolina Department of Public Health's evidence-based informational pamphlet or poster on rendering first aid for seizures in the workplace is prominently displayed in district schools and offices.

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Legal References:

A. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
   1. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C.A. Section 1400, *et seq*.
   2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C.A. Section 701, *et seq*.

B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
   1. Section 59-10-215 - Seizure Safe Schools Act
   2. Section 44-1-320 - Requires the Department of Public Health to create a pamphlet on rendering seizure first aid.