

Student Health Services and Requirements (Special Health Problems)

When there is a request that a student's health needs be addressed or accommodated at school or where a medically involved student seeks admission to or returns to school, a district school nurse will obtain the following information from school personnel, the parent/guardian and the student's health care practitioner.

1. A description of the student's condition or diagnosis, current health status, medical concerns and medical needs at school. A district school nurse will obtain a "Release of Medical Information" form signed by the parent/guardian in order to allow the a district school nurse to obtain current medical information.
2. Written instructions from the health care practitioner regarding any medications, procedures or accommodations requested by the parents/guardian to be implemented while the student is at school.
3. Information from building staff including the classroom teacher regarding the school environment and available staff related to the requested procedures and/or accommodations.

When a student has been identified as eligible for services under federal law, a district school nurse shall consult with appropriate special education staff regarding the requested procedures and accommodations.

Some procedures required to address students' health needs cannot be provided appropriately in the school environment by a district school nurse or other school personnel. For example, medical services that must be provided by a health care practitioner or nursing functions that require frequent or continuous service by a professional nurse are outside of the scope of services that are provided by district personnel. Some procedures cannot be safely implemented in the school environment.

A district school nurse will make a determination based upon the professional nurse's analysis of the information provided through records and consultation whether the requested procedures may be provided appropriately at school.

When there is a question regarding the district's obligation to provide the requested service, a district school nurse will consult with the executive director of student services.

When a determination is made that a procedure may be appropriately provided at school by school staff, a district school nurse will coordinate the development of an individualized health plan (IHP) with the student, the parent/guardian, the student's health care practitioner, school principal, classroom teacher(s), special education teacher and other school staff as appropriate.

Individualized Health Plan (IHP)

When a health care procedure prescribed or delegated by a health care practitioner is to be provided or administered at school, a health action plan setting forth the medical orders, precautions, written procedures, schedule and personnel training required will be prepared by a district school nurse. The agreed-to plan will be signed by the health care practitioner, parent/guardian, school principal and school health clerk and updated on an annual basis.

All procedures administered and actions taken, in accordance with the agreed-to IHP, will be documented by the staff member performing the procedure or action. Such documentation shall include a record of the date, time and relevant notes as appropriate.

Note: A health care practitioner is defined as a licensed health care provider.

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