

Section: 6000 Students

Title: Health and Safety Policy

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It is the policy of the Board to provide a school environment that is safe and secure and that promotes the health and well-being of its students so as to enhance learning and support the development of lifelong wellness practices.

A. Immunizations

Each student must have the required immunizations before attending school. The parent, guardian or responsible person will have 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to obtain the required immunizations for the student. After 30 calendar days, the student will not be allowed to attend school unless the required immunizations have been obtained. The principal will work with parents and other agencies as provided by law to ensure compliance with immunization requirements.

B. Medication Administration

The administering or dispensing of any medicines (including non-prescription medication) to students by employees without written authorization by the physician and parents of the student is forbidden. If absolutely necessary, a parent may come to the school to administer medication to their child. All medication will be kept in the school office and administered by office personnel. Students are not allowed to have any medication in their possession.

C. Health Information

In accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-218.75(a), at the beginning of each school year, each school will provide parents and guardians information about the following:

- a. meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their vaccines;
- b. cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases (for students in grades five through 12);
- c. the preventable risks for preterm birth in subsequent pregnancies (for students in grades seven through 12); and,
- d. the manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby with a responsible person (for students in grades nine through 12).

D. Diabetes Care Plans

School administration will ensure compliance with the guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education for development and implementation of individual diabetes care plans for any students with diabetes. School employees will be provided necessary information and staff development in order to appropriately support and assist students with diabetes in accordance with their individual diabetes care plans.

E. Epinephrine Auto-injectors

The Board will provide a supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors on school property for use by trained school personnel to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering from an anaphylactic reaction during the school day and at school-sponsored events on school property. The principal will oversee implementation of plans and procedures for use of epinephrine auto-injectors consistent with the requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-375.2A.

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Legal Reference: [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-218.75\(a\)](#), [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-375.2A](#).