

BROOKLIN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

1. Parents and guardians bear essential responsibility for the health, safety and well being of the students. School personnel will work with parents and guardians to provide education and care while the students are attending school so they participate in the education process to their fullest potential.
2. Emergency Procedures
 - A. Emergency information on each student must be provided by parents or guardians to be placed on file in each school. This information shall be updated and signed by the parents every year.
 - B. A list of students with special health problems (such as diabetic, epileptic, severe allergy) as identified by the parents/guardians and the family physician shall be maintained, along with directions for the care of the child if he/she becomes ill. These lists shall be available to the staff and shall be considered confidential information.
 - C. The school shall have appropriate first aid supplies available, including rubber gloves.
 - D. Minor first aid may be given by school personnel.
 - E. For more complex illnesses or injuries the following procedures shall be followed:
 1. Give immediate temporary care, to the extent the employee is qualified or trained to do so.
 2. Notify parent or guardian.
 3. Guide parent or guardian, when necessary, to sources of treatment.
 - F. A student's parent or guardian is responsible for making arrangements for his/her medical care. This includes transportation to the facility. If this is impractical, the school may make whatever arrangements seem necessary.
 - G. Financial responsibility for transportation and associated health services will be borne by the parent or guardian.
3. Exclusions and Readmissions
 - A. Students or staff members will be excluded from school if they have a disease that the school nurse in consultation with the school physician determines is communicable at school and presents a significant health risk to non-infected students or staff members.
 - B. A doctor's permit to return to school may be required by the principal or the principal's designee when judged necessary.
 - C. The confidentiality of the student or staff member will be protected whenever possible.

D. The HIV/AIDS Policy supersedes this policy.

4. Health Services

- A. Screening of all students will be limited to vision and hearing ~~and scoliosis~~ as required by the Department of Education.
- B. Trained volunteers may do the initial vision and hearing screening.
- C. The school nurse shall retest the students when necessary and notify parents and school administration regarding those children who need further medical care.

5. Physical Examinations

- A. All students enrolling at the Brooklin School shall have a physical examination before entering school.
- B. Physical examinations shall be required annually for students who engage in school sports ~~and Special Olympics~~.
- C. Physical examinations may be required of students if health information warrants the need.

6. School Physician

A school physician shall be available to the school and shall advise the ~~staff~~ school nurse on school health issues, policies and practices.

7. School Nurse

Services of a school nurse shall be available to the school to carry out the duties and responsibilities outlined in the job description.

References: Policy 10.19C Medication
Policy 10.19J Immunization of Students
Policy 10.19H Communicable and Infectious Diseases
Policy 10.19I Students With HIV
Policy 13.18 School Nurse Job Description
Title 20-A M.R.S.A., Chapter 223, §§ 6301-6454