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STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

Activities may include identification of student health needs, health screening tests (including vision, hearing and dental screening tests and body mass index), infectious disease prevention and control, promotion of the correction of remediable health defects, emergency care of the ill and injured, health counseling, health and safety education, and the maintenance of a healthy school environment.

The school district recognizes that parents/guardians/caregivers have the primary responsibility for the health of their students. The school will cooperate with appropriate professional organizations associated with maintaining individual and community health and safety.

The school district shall provide the services of a School Health Physician who shall render administrative consultative services for personnel responsible for school health and athletics. School Health Services are provided by the Cambridge Health Department with oversight by the Medical Director, RN Clinical Manager and Senior Director of Public Health Nursing Services.

Procedures for Emergency at School

Unlicensed personnel shall give only emergency care to students who become ill or injured on school property, buses, or while under school supervision in the absence of a school nurse.

Each year parents/guardians/caregivers shall supply information indicating where the student is to be taken in case of an emergency; the name, address, and phone number of an individual to be contacted in case the parent/guardian/caregiver is not available; and any allergies or diseases the student might have.

The school district shall maintain a Medical Emergency Response Plan, as required by law, and an Emergency Operations Plan which shall be utilized by school district personnel for handling emergencies. Emergency procedures shall include the following:

Provision for care beyond First Aid, which would enable care by the family or its physician or the local Emergency Medical Services agencies. In instances when Emergency Medical Services is required, every effort shall be made to provide Emergency Medical Services with a copy of the student's health information, including a list of any allergies or diseases the student might have.

Information relative to not permitting the administration of any form of medicine or drugs to a student by licensed or unlicensed staff without written approval of the student's parents/guardians/caregivers. Requests made by parents/guardians/caregivers for such administration of medication shall be reviewed and approved in accordance with the school district's Policy and Procedures for the Administration of Prescription Medication and Management of Life Threatening Food Allergies in the School Setting.

Provisions for reporting all accidents, cases of injury, or illness to the principal, school nurse, to the Safety and Security Office and to the Chief Operating Officer in accordance with the procedures detailed in the school district's Emergency Operations Plan.

Prompt reporting by teachers and any other school staff to the principal or designee and school nurse any accident or serious illness and such reports will be filed with the Safety and Security Office and the Chief Operating Officer.

Student Illness or Injury

In case of illness or injury, the parent/guardian/caregiver will be contacted and asked to call for the student or provide the transportation.

Transportation of an ill or injured student is not to be provided by the school. If the parent/guardian/caregiver cannot provide transportation of a student to the hospital and the student is ill or injured and in need of medical treatment, an ambulance may be called. Expense incurred as a result of ambulance use will not be borne by the school district.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L.c. 69, §8A; 71, §§53, 54, 54A, 54B, 55, 55A, 55B, 56 & 57

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