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Health Services, Students' Illnesses, Injuries and Access to Educational Programs

The following procedures shall be followed with regard to health services, students' illnesses, injuries and access to educational programs:

- (1) Students who have not submitted proof of required physical exams and immunizations in a timely fashion shall be excluded from attending school until the appropriate documentation is presented to the school, with the following exceptions:
 - (a) Homeless students and students known to the Department of Children and Family Services shall be granted a temporary exemption for 30 school days.
 - (b) Children of military families as defined in §1000.36, Florida Statutes, shall be granted a temporary exemption for 30 school days.
 - (c) A child shall be exempted from the requirement of a health examination and/or immunization upon written request of the parent of the child stating objection to the examination and/or immunization on religious grounds. (1003.22(5a))
 - (d) A child shall be permanently exempt from required immunization for medical reasons, if stated in writing and based on valid reasoning or evidence demonstrating need of such exemption by a licensed physician (1003.22(5b))
- (2) If a student becomes ill while at school it shall be the duty of the school nurse, clinic assistant or school administrator to isolate the student until he/she can be transported home.
- (3) A student with a temperature above 100 degrees should not remain in school.
- (4) A student who has had a serious communicable disease should present a statement from a licensed physician before being readmitted to classes. The principal may readmit a student not attended by a physician if in his/her judgment the student has met the criteria for readmission as established by the Lee County Health Department.
- (5) No medication of any kind, including over-the-counter preparations, may be given to a student without the written permission of the parent/guardian **and** a physician's order as provided by the school health services' guidelines.

- 44 (a) For each prescribed medication, the student's parent/guardian shall provide
45 a written statement which shall grant the school nurse, clinic assistant,
46 school administrator or his/her designee the permission to assist in the
47 administration of each prescribed medication and which shall explain the
48 necessity for the prescribed medication to be provided during the school day,
49 including when the student is away from school property on official school
50 business.
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- 52 (b) The school nurse or trained designee shall assist the student in the
53 administration of such medication.
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- 55 (c) All prescribed medications to be administered by school personnel shall be
56 received, counted and stored in original containers. When the medication is
57 not in use, it shall be stored in its original container in a secure fashion under
58 lock and key in a location designated by the principal.
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- 60 (d) A student at risk for life threatening allergic reactions may carry an
61 Epinephrine auto-injector and self-administer while in school, participating in
62 school-sponsored activities, or in transit to or from school or school-
63 sponsored activities if the school has been provided with parental and
64 physician authorization which includes a verification of the student's ability to
65 self-administer the Epinephrine.
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- 67 (e) An asthmatic student may carry a metered dose inhaler on their person while
68 in school, participating in school activities, or in transit to or from school or
69 school-sponsored activities if the school has been provided with parental and
70 physician authorization including student ability to self-manage.
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- 72 (f) A student with diabetes may carry diabetic supplies and equipment on their
73 person and may manage and care for their diabetes while in school, in transit
74 to or from school and during school-sponsored activities if the school has
75 been provided with written parental and prescribing practitioner authorization
76 including verification of student ability to self-manage.
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- 78 (g) A student who has experienced or is at risk for pancreatic insufficiency or has
79 been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis shall be allowed to carry and self
80 administer a prescribed pancreatic enzyme supplement while at school or at
81 school activities with written authorization from their parent and prescribing
82 practitioner.
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- 84 (h) All medications except those medications described in (d), (e), (f) and (g)
85 shall be brought to school and picked up from school by a parent or guardian
86 and shall not be transported by students.
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- 88 (6) Injuries to a student – the following procedures shall be followed when a student is
89 seriously injured at school:
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91 (a) A person with first aid training shall administer first aid.
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93 (b) Parent/guardian of the student shall be notified.
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95 (c) If the parent/guardian or an adult member of the family can't be reached, a
96 physician who has agreed to handle such emergencies shall be called.
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98 (d) In case of an emergency of a serious nature when time is of the essence to
99 save the student's life, the student shall be taken to the emergency room of
100 the nearest hospital. A critically injured student should not be moved without
101 consultation of trained personnel.
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103 (e) All incidents involving property damage and/or injury to a student are
104 immediately reported to Insurance & Benefits.
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106 (f) Within 24 hours, a follow-up written report of any incident involving property
107 damage and/or injury to a student must be filed with Insurance & Benefits.
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109 (g) Situations which may involve serious communicable disease (e.g.,
110 tuberculosis, bacterial meningitis, measles, hepatitis, etc.), shall be reported
111 to the School Health Services Office who shall then notify The Lee County
112 Health Department.
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114 (7) Parents/guardians of students who require nursing related services such as
115 treatments and/or special monitoring shall be referred to the school nurse (RN) for
116 coordination of a plan of care which addresses the students' medical safety and
117 facilitates access to the educational program.
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119 (8) Latex has been shown to cause increased sensitivity and allergic reactions in
120 people exposed to it. Sensitization to natural rubber latex can pose a threat to any
121 affected student or District employee. In order to provide a safe environment for all:
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123 (a) Only latex-free disposable gloves are permitted in schools and District
124 buildings.
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126 (b) Only Mylar helium balloons are allowed on school campuses, at school
127 functions, and on school transportation.
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129 (b) All classroom supplies should be non-latex, if available.
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- 131 (9) Schools shall encourage the following as ways to protect students from the
132 detrimental effects of sun exposure:
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134 (a) The use of hats, visors, sunglasses (or glasses) with UVA/UVB protection
135 during all outdoor activities and classes.
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137 (b) The use of sunscreen, to be applied at home to all exposed skin prior to
138 arriving at school.
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142 1006.062, F.S.
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