

### **STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND FIRST AID**

First Aid. First aid measures are initiated by nurses, secretaries, teachers, or principals in case of emergency until the parents can take over. However, this service is limited to comfort and protection of the patient until medical evaluation and recommendation is secured. In emergency cases, the parents shall be notified as soon as possible.

Screen for Vision and Hearing. Each student's vision and hearing will be screened periodically. Students who appear to show defects in hearing or vision may be referred for screening tests at any time during the school year.

Health Histories. Parents are encouraged to disclose their children's relevant medical histories to the school nurse. Parents of all children are encouraged to meet with the nurses or to schedule conferences at mutually satisfactory times.

In cases where a student has a health condition diagnosed by a health department nurse or by any qualified physician as a communicable disease or condition posing a threat to the health of other students or employees, the building principal may, on behalf of the Board, exclude such student from school and may require the parent or guardian of the student to provide a doctor's statement that the communicable condition no longer exists and that there is no danger to other students, before permitting the student to return to school.

The school nurse shall perform all first aid and emergency care. In the event that the school nurse is not available, the chain of responsibility for administration of first aid shall be as follows:

- A. Principal/administrator (or secretary under direction of administrator).
- B. Guidance counselor.
- C. Other properly trained personnel.

If the injury is minor, one of the designated staff members may administer first aid in accordance with the posted instructions. In the event of a serious injury to a student, the family or guardian shall be notified as soon as possible.

First aid shall be administered only as needed to students and employees who are injured or become ill during school hours. Students who become ill may be excused. Parents shall be contacted for transportation home.

Records are to be kept on all injuries which occur while students are on school property or at school-sponsored or controlled activities.

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