

RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK

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STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The District recognizes that good student health is vital to successful learning and acknowledges its responsibility, along with that of parent(s) or guardian(s), to protect and foster a safe and healthful environment for the students.

The school shall work closely with students' families to provide detection and preventative health services. In accordance with law, the school will provide vision, hearing, and scoliosis screening. Problems shall be referred to the parent(s) or guardian(s) who shall be encouraged to have their family physician/dentist provide appropriate care.

In order to enroll in school a student must submit a health certificate within 30 calendar days after entering school, and upon entering second, fourth, seventh and tenth grades. The examination, which must conform to state requirements, must have been conducted no more than 12 months before the first day of the school year in question. If a student is unable to furnish the health certificate, the school will provide a physical examination by a licensed provider. A request for exemption from the physical examination, or the requirement to provide a health certificate, must be made in writing to the District, which may require documents supporting the request. The only basis for exemption is a claim that the physical examination is in conflict with the parent or guardian's genuine and sincere religious belief. This exemption must be approved by the District.

In order to enroll in school, students must also furnish documentation of required immunizations against certain communicable diseases, as set forth in state law and regulations, unless exempted from immunizations for medical or religious reasons as permitted by state law and regulation. All medical and religious exemptions must be approved by the District.

A permanent student health record shall be part of a student's cumulative school record and should follow the student from grade to grade and school to school along with his/her academic record. This record folder shall be maintained by the school nurse.

Emergency Care

Schools shall also provide emergency care for students in accidental or unexpected medical situations. Each school in the District will include in its emergency plan a protocol for responding to health care emergencies, including anaphylaxis, and head injury. Parents/guardians will be notified of any emergency medical situation as soon as practicable.

Parents/guardians will receive notification of non-emergent medical situations that have been reported to the nurse in a timely manner.

As permitted by law, nurses in the Rye City School District will have emergency medications available and are permitted to treat staff or students showing symptoms. Available medications include appropriate emergency treatments for allergy and anaphylaxis symptoms, regardless of whether staff or student has a previous history of anaphylaxis (in accordance with Policies 5421, 5423, and 5423-R).

Communicable Diseases

It is the responsibility of the District to provide all students with a safe and healthy school environment. To meet this responsibility, it is sometimes necessary to exclude students with contagious and infectious diseases, as defined in the Public Health Law, from attendance in school.

During an outbreak of these communicable diseases, if the Commissioner of Health or his/her designee so orders, the district will exclude students from school who have an exemption from immunization or who are in the process of obtaining immunization.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools, working through District health personnel, to enforce this policy and to contact the county or local health department when a reportable case of a communicable disease is identified in the student or staff population.

Management of Life-Threatening Allergies/Anaphylaxis or Long Term or Chronic Medical Conditions

The District recognizes its role and responsibility in supporting a healthy learning environment for all students, including those who have, or develop, life-threatening allergies and/or other long term medical conditions. The District will work cooperatively with the student, their parent/guardian and healthcare provider to allow the child to participate as fully and as safely as possible in school activities. When a student has a known life-threatening allergy or other serious medical condition reported on their health form or if the District has been informed by the parent of a the presence of such condition, the district will assemble a team, which may include the parent, the school nurse, the child's teacher, the building principal and other appropriate personnel, which will be charged with developing an individual health care plan. The plan will be maintained by the school nurse. The plan will guide ongoing medical management, prevention, and response in the case of a medical crisis. If the student is eligible for accommodations based upon the IDEA, Section 504 or the Americans with Disabilities Act, the appropriate procedures will be followed regarding identification, evaluation and implementation of accommodations.

Training

Training to support the fulfillment of staff responsibilities in regard to student health services will be provided as part of the District's ongoing professional development plan and in conformity with Commissioner's regulations.

Regulations

The Superintendent shall develop comprehensive regulations governing student health services. Those regulations shall include the provision of all health services required by law, procedures for the maintenance of health records, and procedures for the administering of medication to students.

Cross-ref:

Policy 4321: Programs for Students with Disabilities

Policy 5280: Interscholastic Athletics

Policy 5421: Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injector Devices

Policy 5422: Use of Automatic External Defibrillators

Policy 5423: Life-Threatening Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management and related Regulation

Policy 5425: Student Concussions and Head Injuries

Policy 5550: Student Privacy

Ref:

Education Law §§310 (provisions for appeal of child denied school entrance for failure to comply with immunization requirements); 901 et seq. (medical, dental and health services, BMI reporting); 919 (provide and maintain nebulizers); 6909 (emergency treatment of anaphylaxis)

Public Health Law §§613 (annual survey); 2164 (immunization requirements)

8 NYCRR § 64.7 (administration of agents to treat anaphylaxis); § 135.4 (Physical Education);

Part 136 (school health services program)

Administration of Medication in the School Setting Guidelines, State Education Department, revised April 2002

Immunization Guidelines: Vaccine Preventable Communicable Disease Control, State Education Department, revised August 2000

Making the Difference: Caring for Students with Life-Threatening Allergies, New York State Department of Health, New York State Education Department, New York Statewide School Health Service Center, June 2008

Concussion Management Guidelines and Procedures, www.nysphsaa.org

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