

Student Health Services and Records

The purpose of the school health program shall be to supplement the efforts and guidance of parents/guardians to raise student awareness of the benefits of regular health care.

The objectives of the school health program are:

1. To promote good health habits among students.
2. To stimulate a sanitary, safe and healthful environment in school.
3. To assist in the identification and referral to appropriate health care providers for medical, psychological and physical needs.

Health records

Health records shall be maintained by the nursing staff and kept in a separate and secure health file in the school health office. Health records of students with human immunodeficiency virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) shall be kept in a locked environment to maintain confidentiality.

Access to the health files shall be limited to only those school personnel who have a specific and legitimate educational interest in the information for use in furthering a student's academic achievement or maintaining a safe and orderly teaching environment. Access to the health files of students with HIV/AIDS shall be limited to those with written permission from the student and/or parent/guardian and to emergency medical personnel.

The nursing staff shall maintain a log showing who has been given access, when access occurred and to which specific records.

Annual screening programs

The sight and hearing of all students in kindergarten, first, second, third, fifth, seventh and ninth grades or students in comparable age groups referred for testing shall be tested during the school year by the school nurse, teacher, principal or other qualified person authorized by the school district, as required by law. These screenings shall not be required of any student whose parent/guardian objects on religious or personal grounds.

The parent/guardian shall be informed when a deficiency is found.

Dental health

The school district shall participate in programs to encourage good dental health including instruction, dental examination clinics when available and referral to agencies which can provide aid for those in need.

Communicable diseases

Students showing symptoms of a communicable disease, an infectious condition, or illness or disability of a serious nature shall be referred to the school nurse. The school nurse shall report the presence of a communicable disease, if action is necessary to protect the health of other students and staff.

Current practice codifies 1996

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 7906 (*prohibition against the use of Title I funds to operate a program of contraception in the schools contained in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*)

C.R.S. 13-22-102, 103 (*minors may consent to medical treatment*)

C.R.S. 22-1-116 (*vision and hearing tests*)

C.R.S. 25-4-402 (*parental consent not required to treat minor for sexually transmitted infection*)

C.R.S. 25-4-901 *et seq.* (*school entry immunization*)

C.R.S. 25-6-102 (*dissemination of contraceptive information*)

CROSS REFS.: GBEB, Staff Conduct

JF, Admission and Denial of Admission

JLCB, Immunization of Students

JLCC, Communicable/Infectious Diseases

JLCD, Administering Medications to Students

JLDAC, Screening/Testing of Students (and Treatment of Mental Disorders)

JLCEA*, Students with Special Health Needs

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