



Section Four: Students

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**436 – MANAGING STUDENTS
WITH MEDICAL ALERT/ANAPHYLAXIS CONDITIONS**

Introduction

The Board of Education has an obligation to provide for students who may require emergency care while at school. These students are commonly referred to as students with Medical Alert conditions. Their conditions are physician diagnosed and potentially life threatening. Students may require planned care and support inside as well as outside the school building (e.g. field trips) which includes Medical information collected on registration forms and, where applicable, the Medical Alert Planning Form. Reported medical conditions may include:

- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Anaphylaxis and/or history of severe allergic response
- Severe Asthma - immediate medical treatment required
- Blood clotting disorders such as haemophilia that require immediate medical care in the event of injury
- Serious heart conditions
- Other conditions which may require emergency care as determined in consultation with parent/student/family physician, school, and Medical Health Officer or designate.

Policy

The guidelines below outline the responsibility, roles, and processes whereby any medical emergencies that occur during school hours or after school hours activities may be handled in an optimal manner.

The responsibility for the safety, health and well-being of students is a joint responsibility of parents, school personnel, students and Public Health Nurses. Each, however, has different roles and responsibilities.

Within this context:

1. The parents/guardians have primary responsibility for communicating information about serious medical conditions of their child to school personnel and the Public Health Nurse; completing the “Medical Alert Planning Form”; assuring that the prescribed medication, etc. is available to the school as required by School District No. 23 policy; and informing school personnel immediately of any changes taking place in the health of the student.



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2. The Principal and the school staff have responsibility for ensuring the safety and well-being of students during school hours and during after-school activities organized by the school; collecting information from parents/guardians related to students with serious health conditions; providing a supportive environment for students with serious health conditions so they can participate in activities leading toward the goals of schooling; and working with the Public Health Nurses in their role of supporting the health of students with medical conditions.
3. Students have the responsibility to follow all health and school guidelines for their condition; keep their parents and personal health professionals informed of any concerns related to their condition; and to inform school personnel immediately in the event of any medical or health crisis.
4. The Public Health Nurse has responsibility for supporting the health of those students who may be medically at risk so they can participate in the school activities successfully. This responsibility includes reviewing the “Medical Alert Planning Forms”, including the Emergency Plans provided by parents/guardians; clarifying the needs of these students through communication with parents; preparing information required by the Principal and school staff to support these students; and co-ordinating training to school personnel involved with these students.

The specific guidelines for the management and overseeing of this process are detailed in Regulations 436.

Students with life threatening medical conditions will be accommodated in accordance with this Policy and Regulations 436, and with Board Policy 435 “Medical Treatment of Students” and Regulations 435.

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