



## Section Four: Students

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### 435 – MEDICAL TREATMENT OF STUDENTS

#### Introduction

The Board of Education has an obligation to provide education through the public schools to students who qualify pursuant to the provisions of the School Act. The Board must make reasonable provisions to enable students in need of special medical treatment to continue receiving such treatment.

#### Policy

1. The common law duty of care obligates the Board to take action in support of the physical well being of students under its care. The Board delegates this duty to and through its employees.
2. School district employees are required to act in the same way as a reasonable and prudent parent in the same circumstances. However, not all the authority of a parent is conferred upon the employees.
3. The consent for medical treatment can only be granted by a parent, a legal guardian, or in emergencies by a medical practitioner.
4. A school district employee providing emergency services shall have legal protection in accordance with:  
*The Good Samaritan Act* (see Appendix);  
*Schools Protection/Insurance Program liability insurance.*
5. The principal of each school shall implement the procedures in the following Administrative Procedures:  
    Medical Alert – Managing Students with Anaphylaxis/Medical Conditions  
    Medical Alert – Supporting Students Diagnosed with Diabetes  
    Medical Alert – Supporting Students Diagnosed with Epilepsy/Seizure Disorders  
in order to:
  - identify students who are extremely vulnerable;
  - identify students in need of prescribed medication;
  - obtain parental consent for self-administration by students of prescribed medication;



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- monitor student compliance with prescribed medication schedules;
- transport students to a medical practitioner/hospital in an emergency;
- report accidents.

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Related Documents: 435R, 435A, and Forms 436

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