



**Section 4000 – Student Achievement,  
Learning & Well-Being**

**4040 – 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* and *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 Disordersin 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.

Former Policy 435 – Medical Treatment of Students

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Related Documents: Administrative Procedures – Medical Treatment of Students (Regulations), Medical Alert – Managing Students with Anaphylaxis/Medical Conditions, Medical Alert – Supporting Students Diagnosed with Diabetes, Medical Alert – Supporting Students Diagnosed with Epilepsy/Seizure Disorders