

Policy JGC: Student Health Services

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Although the district's primary responsibility is to educate students, the students' health and general welfare is also a major Board concern. The Board believes school programs should be conducted in a manner that protects and enhances student and employee health and is consistent with good health practices.

The district recognizes its responsibility to notify parents in advance of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as condition of attendance; administered and scheduled by the school in advance; and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students.

The term invasive physical examination, as defined by law, means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening. The term does not include any physical examination or screening that is permitted or required by state law, including physical examinations or screenings that are permitted without parental notification.

Notification will be provided at least annually at the beginning of the school year or when enrolling students for the first time in school and will include the specific or approximate dates during the school year when such activities are scheduled or expected to be scheduled.

Procedures shall be developed and implemented to carry out this policy. All district employees will be apprised of their responsibilities in this area. Parents shall have the opportunity to request their students be exempt from participation in [scoliosis,] vision or hearing screening. The district will abide by those requests.

HEAD LICE

For any student who has had head lice on three (3) consecutive occasions during one (1) school year, the principal shall notify the county health department of the recurring problem of head lice with that student. The student shall not be allowed to attend school until proof of treatment is obtained. ' 41-79-21 Refer to the student handbook and Policy JGCC.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The district shall maintain a prevention-oriented health services program which provides:

1. Pertinent health information on the students, as required by Mississippi statutes or rules;
2. Health appraisal may include screening for possible vision or hearing problems [and also scoliosis];
3. Health counseling for students and parents when appropriate;
4. Health care and first-aid assistance that are appropriately supervised and isolates the sick or injured child from the student body;
5. Control and prevention of communicable diseases as required by Mississippi Department of Human Services, Health Services and the county health department;
6. Assistance for students in taking prescription and/or non-prescription medication according to established district procedures;
7. Services for students who are medically fragile or have special health care needs;
8. Integration of school health services with school health education programs.

The Board directs its district health staff to coordinate with health personnel from other public agencies in matters pertaining to health instruction or the general health of students and employees.

The district has established a local school health council for each school which shall ensure that local community values are reflected in the local school's wellness plan to address school health.

The Mississippi Public School Accountability Standard for this policy is standard 6.

LEGAL REF.: MS CODE as cited

Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards

CROSS REF.: Policy JGCC Communicable Diseases
