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Health Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the method by which health related issues affecting students and staff shall be addressed.

Responsibility

The Board of Directors, staff, and parents.

Description

This policy shall set forth directions for the handling of accidents, illness, dispensing of medicine and other health related issues.

Approval

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Health Procedure

Emergencies

- In the event of an accident or sudden onset of an illness, the School will not hesitate to seek proper care for a child. The child's individual emergency instructions on file in the office are consulted immediately and parents are called.
- Depending on the circumstance, 911 will be called to evaluate the situation.
- Should the child require transportation to a medical facility, the Head of School, or whoever is acting in his/her position shall accompany the student. The consent statement that the parent signs will also accompany the child so that treatment can be given immediately in the absence of a parent.
- It is IMPERATIVE that parents keep the emergency contact information up to date.

Accidents

- The first consideration shall be given to obtaining appropriate care.
- The parent or guardian shall be contacted with details of what occurred.
- In the case of serious accidents, the Head of School, or whoever is acting in his/her position, shall be notified immediately.
- Should the accident require medical care, the parent/guardian shall be contacted prior to getting that care. If there is no response, continuing attempts shall be made to contact parent/guardian or emergency contacts.
- If necessary, 911 will be called.
- Should the child require transportation to a medical facility the Head of School, or whoever is acting in his/her position shall accompany the student. The consent statement that the parent signs will also accompany the child so that treatment can be given immediately in the absence of a parent.
- An accident report will be filled out indicating what happened, who witnessed the incident, and who treated injury.
- This report shall be given to the parents to sign.
- This report will be reviewed by the administrative staff to ensure complete and factual reporting.
- This report shall be filed in the student cume folder until the end of the current school year.

Illnesses/Transmittable diseases

- If the school is notified that a student or sibling in the School contract a transmittable disease, a message will be sent via email, to alert others in the school to watch for signs of the disease.
- The school shall respect the student's right to privacy when dealing with this procedure and only information about the disease shall be reported.
- A student who exhibits symptoms of an infectious disease that is readily transmitted in the school setting may be temporarily excluded from school attendance.

- The School reserves the right to require a statement from the student's primary care provider authorizing the student's return to school.
- Students who complain of illness at school shall be sent home as soon as the parent or person designated on the student's emergency medical authorization form has been notified.

Sick days

- It is the parent/guardian responsibility to notify the school if their child will not be attending school due to illness.
- Parent should notify the school by 9:00 a.m. This may be by e-mail or telephone call/message.
- A child may not attend school or extended day if the child has any of the following symptoms:
 - a) Fever and sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, irritability, or confusion. Fever is defined as a temperature of 100 degrees F. or higher taken under the arm, 101 degrees F. taken orally or by ear
 - b) Diarrhea – runny, watery or bloody stools.
 - c) Vomiting – two or more times in a 24 hour period or once with other symptoms.
 - d) Sore throat with fever and swollen glands.
 - e) Severe coughing – child gets red or blue in the face or makes a high-pitched whooping sound after coughing
 - f) Eye discharge – thick mucus or pus draining from the eye, or pink eye. All pink color must be gone from the eye before the child returns to school.
 - g) Yellowish skin or eyes.
 - h) Irritability – continuous crying, or behavior requiring more attention than we can adequately provide without affecting the health and safety of others in our care.
 - i) Lice, Scabies – Children must not return to school until they are free of lice and nits (eggs). Children with scabies can be admitted after treatment.

Return to School

- Students may not return to school until 24 hours or a full school day after they no longer have a fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit measured by mouth) or signs of a fever (chills, feeling very warm, flushed appearance, or sweating) without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
- Students may not return to school until 24 hours or a full school day after they no longer have diarrhea, vomiting, body rash with fever, sore throat with fever and swollen glands, or pink eye.
- Example:
 - Johnny was sent home due to vomiting on a Monday. Johnny can not return to school until at least Wednesday if he has had a full 24 hours with no more vomiting.
 - Susie was sick on Sunday and stayed home on Monday. Her symptoms/illness stopped mid-day Monday. Susie can not return to school until Wednesday.

Dispensing of Medication

- The parent/guardian must fill out the permission to give medicine form in order for the school to dispense medication. The entire form needs to be filled out including reason(s) for medication, the dosage, time to begin medicine etc.
- Medication must be in the original pharmacy-dispensed container with the proper label and directions.
- Whoever is dispensing the medication shall fill out the dosage information form and initial where appropriate.

Child Abuse

- The School recognizes its responsibility to ensure the safety and well being of all students under its control.
- All suspected cases of child abuse, including neglect shall be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Vaccinations – as required by Idaho Statute 39-4801

- Parents/guardians must present their child's immunization record to the school within 14 days of the child's attendance.
- Conditional attendance is allowed provided there is documentation of the intended immunizations schedule of a child who has not received all the required immunizations for attendance.
- To be eligible for conditional attendance, a child must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine and currently be on schedule for subsequent immunizations.
- Exemptions: Idaho law allows a parent/guardian to claim an exemption from immunization requirements for their child for medical, religious or other reasons. All exemptions must be documented on the official State of Idaho form. Per Idaho statute 39-4802.
- A medical exemption requires the signature of a licensed physician and certification that the child has a medical condition which prevents him or her from receiving required vaccinations.
- The school shall complete the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare annual school immunization report each Fall. The reporting is completed online. This report includes students in Kindergarten and First grade. This report reflects the total number of adequately immunized students, the total number of conditionally admitted students, the total number of students with an exemption on file at the school and the total number of students with no record on file at the school. It also reports the total complete doses for all required vaccinations.

Pandemics

- In the event of a pandemic, the School will follow local, state, and federal recommendations/guidelines. Including CDC (Center for Disease Control), and Eastern Idaho Public Health Department recommendations. If there are any discrepancies between government bodies, the Board will provide final guidance, based on the needs of the school community.
- The School will implement any modifications it deems necessary in the event of a pandemic to keep its students and staff as safe and healthy as possible.