

POLICY

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

This Policy shall be implemented consistent with these principles outlined in Ministry Memorandum #81 (1984) and the *Education Act*.

1. Where a parent, guardian, pupil 18 years of age or older, or a physician indicates, in writing, to a Principal that a pupil requires an essential health service on a regular basis during school hours, the Principal shall take action as outlined in these procedures. It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian, or pupil 18 years of age or older to advise the school that essential health services are or may be required.
2. No school-aged child shall be denied access to education because of special health support needed during school hours.
3. Where a parent, guardian or a pupil can provide the required essential health service, he or she is to be encouraged to do so.
4. Drugs and other essential health services shall be provided in a manner which allows for sensitivity and privacy, and which encourages the pupil to take an optimum level of responsibility for his or her needs.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BOARD

For the purpose of these procedures, essential health services which may be provided by the School Board include the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral medication administration • Topical medication administration • Lifting and positioning of a pupil • Assistance with mobility of a pupil • Feeding a pupil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toileting of a pupil • General maintenance exercises for a pupil • Speech correction or remediation • Clean intermittent catheterization • Shallow surface suctioning
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Note: District School Board of Niagara Administrative Procedure 3-13: Anaphylaxis (Severe Allergies, Food Allergies, Insect Bites, etc.) permits the use by staff of epinephrine autoinjectors (e.g. Epipen®) if authorized as part of an Emergency Action Plan.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY SCHOOL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES (COMMUNITY CARE ACCESS CENTRE [C.C.A.C.]

For the purpose of these procedures, essential health services which may be provided by the Ministry of Health through School Health Support Services shall include the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chest therapy and breathing exercises • Injection of medication • Catheterization (sterile intermittent) of a pupil • Manual expression of the bladder or stoma • Postural drainage and deep suctioning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tubal feeding • Physiotherapy or occupational therapy • Speech pathology or clinical therapy • Any intensive clinical treatment • Nursing procedures required to allow a pupil to remain in school
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References

- Policy G-15: Student Medical Information
- Policy G-16: Administering Emergency Health Services to Students
- Administrative Procedure 3-12: Administering Health Support Services to Students
- Administrative Procedure 3-13: Anaphylaxis (Severe Allergies, Food Allergies, Insect Bites, etc.)