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510 MEDICATION AND DRUG POLICY HEALTH SERVICES

I. PURPOSE

In order to assure the health and safety of our students, we require the completion of the Health and Emergency Information form by parents/ guardians each school year.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Parents/guardians of each student will be required to complete the Health and Emergency Information form and return it to the District during the first week of school. Please return this form as promptly as possible, since the information may be needed as early as the first week of school.
- B. If a student becomes ill or injured at the school, first aid or other necessary care will be given immediately. (First aid is the “immediate and temporary care given in the case of an accident or sudden illness before the service of a physician can be secured.”)
- C. District staff will not assume responsibility for any treatment beyond first aid. First aid procedures do not include any form of medical treatment. No drugs or medication, including non-prescription pain relievers, will be given. The District staff are NOT permitted to dispense non-prescription pain relievers including but not limited to Tylenol, Advil and aspirin to students.

III. MEDICATIONS

- A. The administration of medication to students is carried out under written orders from a student’s physician and written permission of the parents. The policies of the Minnesota Department of Health and the State Department of Education are followed. If possible, medications should be scheduled around school hours, thus avoiding the need for bringing medications into the school building. Under usual circumstances, school personnel give no medications (including aspirin and Tylenol) to a student. Whenever possible, parents are encouraged to make alternative arrangements so that it is unnecessary for District staff to administer medications. An exception to this is if a prescription medication needs to be taken during school hours. If a student requires a prescription medication FOUR times a day, or more often, District staff can give the medication in school ONLY if the following procedure is followed:
 - 1. ORIGINAL BOTTLE
Medication is sent in the original bottle with the name of the medication, how often it is taken, amount of dosage, physician’s name, name and telephone number of the pharmacy on the label. Parents who know their students need to

take medication at school can request a second bottle from their pharmacist to send to school.

2. WRITTEN REQUEST

The medication MUST be accompanied by a written request from the parent that their student should take the medication in school. The dosage given, time of day to give the medication, and specific directions for giving the medication.

3. PARENTS AND PHYSICIAN'S MEDICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

This needs to be completed for the students on medication for extended periods of time or the entire school year. If a student is on a medication for a long period of time, please contact the District office for one of these forms.

IV. HEALTH CONDITIONS

Any student having health conditions, such as diabetes, asthma, seizures, frequent ear infections, or allergies (especially wasp/bee stings), will need to contact the school office during the first week of school. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the District office to arrange for a conference. The school office will share information regarding the health condition of students with the necessary District staff. Students having a history of hearing or vision difficulties should notify the school office of special needs.

V. ILLNESS/ACCIDENTS

If your child becomes ill in school, every attempt will be made to send your child home. Should your child have a minor injury, an advisor or the nurse will give first aid. If the accident is of a serious nature, parents will be called immediately. If the District is unable to contact the parents, a doctor will be called or the student will be transported to the nearest clinic for examination. We will try to contact you at home or at work, as you should assume responsibility for the care of your child. If we are unable to contact you, we will contact the persons designated on your child's emergency form. If all attempts to contact someone fail, your child will remain in school and will be sent home at the end of the day in the same manner in which they came to school. A child will be sent home with a temperature above 100 degrees. If a child has a temperature above 100 degrees, vomits or has diarrhea within the past 24 hours, please do not send him/her to school.

VI. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND INFECTIOUS CONDITIONS

To prevent the spread of contagious diseases, the school office needs to be informed of all students with a communicable disease. These include the following: chicken pox, pinkeye (conjunctivitis), measles, mumps, rubella, impetigo, ringworm, scabies, strep throat, influenza etc. If a student has chicken pox, pinkeye, lice, scabies, impetigo, or strep throat, the student needs to report to the school office for clearance to return to school. Parents should contact the school office regarding readmission guidelines for each particular disease.

VII. IMMUNIZATIONS

The school office checks the immunization records of all students. The Minnesota School Immunization Law requires that all students be properly vaccinated in order to remain enrolled in school. Since immunization laws change frequently, the school office will contact you if additional information regarding immunizations is needed. Immunizations will need to be up to date PRIOR to school entrance for all students including transfer students. Foreign exchange students, not transfer students, will have 30 days to update their immunizations. Seniors will receive a copy of their immunization record prior to graduation and are encouraged to keep this in a safe place, since this information is needed for entry into a college or university. The school office will provide periodic screening for vision, hearing and scoliosis. Parents are encouraged to make dental and medical appointments for their students to avoid conflicts during the school hours.