

Health Support

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Policy Statement

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has an interest in the health and well-being of its staff and students. The safety of students/staff with a prevalent medical condition is a shared responsibility with the school, Board, family, doctors, nurse practitioners, community partners and organizations working together. Parents in cooperation with their health care professional have the primary responsibility for the health and wellness of their children. The St. Clair Catholic District School Board recognizes that each student/staff diagnosed with a medical condition is unique and requires an individual plan of action.

Policy Goals

1. This policy and these procedures set out a process to ensure that The St. Clair Catholic District School Board will provide health support, during the school day, for procedures which cannot be provided at home and do not require a licensed medical practitioner.
2. This policy and procedures will support student/staff/parent/volunteers to become more aware of conditions to prevent medical conditions from occurring or becoming increasingly serious, and more knowledgeable to identify and respond to signs and symptoms related to medical conditions.
3. Students with prevalent medical conditions will be able to fully access school in a safe, accepting and healthy learning environment that supports well being and empowers students as confident and capable learners, to reach their full potential for self-management of their medical condition(s), according to their plan of care.
4. Students/staff/parent/volunteers shall manage/maintain the health of the individual in a manner that supports the student's return to learn or return to physical activity.
5. This policy and procedures will ensure consistent expectation of a standard of care to provide management, care and emergency procedures, where appropriate, to students and staff with a medical condition that requires treatment.
6. The Board will ensure that health support is implemented cooperatively with the approval of parents and in consultation with appropriate medical personnel.



7. Whenever possible, it is encouraged and beneficial for students to become as independent as possible, in managing their medical condition and to self-advocate in the management of their medical condition.
8. The Board requires school staff, under the direction of the school principal, to provide appropriate health support subject to Board Administrative Procedures.
9. School Administrators make every reasonable attempt to ensure a healthy environment. However, there is no expectation that the school will be able to eliminate all risk(s).

Definitions

Prevalent Medical Conditions: students in schools who have asthma, diabetes, and/or epilepsy, and/or are at risk for anaphylaxis. These medical conditions, hereafter referred to as prevalent medical conditions, have the potential to result in a medical incident or a life-threatening medical emergency.