

# ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SECTION C: STUDENTS

HEALTH SUPPORT	POLICY
<b>EFFECTIVE:</b> 2000 12 01/ 2002 05 28/ 2006 04 26/ 2015 11 24 / 2018 11 27	

**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 medical condition is a shared responsibility with the school, Board, family, doctors and nurse practitioners and 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:**

This policy and its attendant 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. 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 and able to identify and respond to signs and symptoms related to medical conditions. It will also support students with prevalent medical conditions 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. This policy and procedures will support students/staff/parent/volunteers to manage/maintain the health of the individual in a manner that supports the student’s return to learn or return to physical activity. 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.

The Board will ensure that health support is implemented cooperatively with the approval of parents and in consultation with appropriate medical personnel. 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.

The Board requires school staff, under the direction of the school principal, to provide appropriate health support subject to Board Administrative Procedures.

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).**

**REFERENCES:**

Education Act, 265. Duties of a Principal:  
*care of pupils and property – to give assiduous attention to the health and comfort of the pupils,*

Education Act Regulations 298 s20 Duties of Teachers:

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*ensure that all reasonable safety procedures are carried out in the courses and activities for which the teacher is responsible.*

Policy/Program Memorandum No. 81 July 19, 1984  
*Provision of Health Support Services in School Setting*

Policy/Program Memorandum No. 150 October 4, 2010  
*School Food and Beverage Policy*

*Caring and Safe Schools in Ontario, 2010*

Sabrina's Law (Royal Assent June 13, 2005) – *an Act to Protect Anaphylactic Students*

Ryan's Law (Bill 20) *Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools, 2015*