Greater Essex County District School Board

Title: Health - Student

Category: Policy

Responsibility: Superintendent of Student Well-Being (Safe Schools, Healthy Schools, Mental Health)

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The Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB) believes that schools are to practice and provide safe and consistent measures to address the needs of our students' health. This includes, but is not limited to the administration of medication, prevalent medical conditions*, and concussions.

Our goals are:

- to support students with prevalent medical conditions* to fully access school in a safe, accepting, and healthy learning environment that supports well-being;
- to empower students with prevalent medical conditions* as confident and capable learners, to reach their full potential for self-management of their medical condition(s), according to their Plan of Care;
- to support families in feeling confident that their child is safe at school and during school related activities;
- to administer consistent prescription medication by school staff or by a student who is under the care of a physician. Board employees generally should not be involved with administering consistent prescription medication to students unless it is a specific requirement of their job description or the principal designates the responsibility. For particular students there may be exceptions to this rule.

*As outlined in Policy/Program Memorandum No. 161 (February 28, 2018) *Supporting children and students with prevalent medical conditions (anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and/or epilepsy) in Schools"* prevalent medical conditions are limited to asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and anaphylaxis, as diagnosed by a medical doctor or a nurse practitioner.

Additionally, GECDSB is guided by legislative requirements as stipulated in but not limited to, Sabrina's Law (2005), Ryan's Law (2015), Rowan's Law (2016) and Ministry Policy/Program Memorandum No. 81 *Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings* (July 19, 1984).

Related Regulations:

Administration of Prescription Medication
Anaphylaxis and Epinephrine Injector
Inhaler for Treatment of Asthma
Diabetes Protocol *new*
Epilepsy *new*
Concussion