

2410 - SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

School Health Services

The School Board shall cooperate with the Taylor County Health Department to address all school health matters as required by the School Health Services Act (F.S. 381.0056). The District, including the school health advisory committee, and the Taylor County Health Department shall jointly develop a school health services plan approved by the Board. The Student Services Procedures Manual and the Student/Parent Elementary and Secondary Handbook should be referenced.

The school health services plan will describe the services to be provided, the responsibility for provision of the services, the anticipated expenditures to provide the services, and evidence of cooperative planning by the District, including the school health advisory committee, and the Taylor County Health Department. Each school health advisory committee must, at a minimum, include members who represent the eight (8) component areas of the Coordinated School Health model as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Superintendent, in addition to the school health advisory committee, shall develop the school health services plan jointly with the Taylor County Health Department and submit it to the Board for approval.

The school health services plan will be completed biennially and approved and signed by the Superintendent, Board Chairperson, Taylor County Health Department medical director or administrator, and the Department of Health's district administrator. The school health services plan shall be reviewed each year for the purpose of updating the plan. Amendments shall be signed by the Superintendent and the Taylor County Health Department medical director or administrator.

The school health services plan is to include, at a minimum, provisions for all of the following:

- A. health appraisal;
- B. records review;
- C. nurse assessment;
- D. nutrition assessment;
- E. a preventive dental program;
- F. vision screening;
- G. hearing screening;
- H. scoliosis screening at the appropriate age;
- I. growth and development screening;
- J. health counseling;
- K. referral and follow-up of suspected or confirmed health problems by the Taylor County Health Department;
- L. meeting emergency health needs in each school;
- M. county health department personnel to assist school personnel in health education curriculum development;
- N. referral of students to appropriate health treatment, in cooperation with the private health community whenever possible;

- O. consultation with a student's parent or guardian regarding the need for health attention by the family physician, dentist, or other specialist when definitive diagnosis or treatment is indicated;
- P. maintenance of records on incidents of health problems, corrective measures taken, and such other information as may be needed to plan and evaluate health programs; except, however, that provisions in the plan for maintenance of health records of individual students must be in accordance with F.S. 1002.22;
- Q. health information which will be provided by the school health nurses, when necessary, regarding the placement of students in exceptional student programs and the reevaluation at periodic intervals of students placed in such programs;
- R. notification to the local nonpublic schools of the school health services program and the opportunity for representatives of the local nonpublic schools to participate in the development of the cooperative health services plan;
- S. a reasonable attempt to notify a student's parent, guardian, or caregiver if the student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity to be taken to a receiving facility for an involuntary examination pursuant to F.S. 394.463, including and subject to the requirements and exceptions established under F.S. 1002.20 (3) and F.S. 1002.33 (9), as applicable.

Reasonable attempt to notify means the exercise of reasonable diligence and care by the principal to make contact with the student's parent, guardian, or other known emergency contact whom the student's parent or guardian has authorized to receive notification of an involuntary examination. At a minimum, the principal must take the following actions:

- 1. Use available methods of communication to contact the student's parent, guardian, or other known emergency contact including, but not limited to, telephone calls, text messages, e-mails, and voicemail messages following the decision to initiate an involuntary examination of the student;
- 2. Document the method and number of attempts made to contact the student's parent, guardian, or other known emergency contact, and the outcome of each attempt.

The principal who successfully notifies any other known emergency contact may share only the information necessary to alert such contact that the parent or caregiver must be contacted. All such information must be in compliance with Federal and State law.

- T. budget and staffing information;
- U. number and levels of public and nonpublic schools and number of students served;
- V. communicable disease policies;
- W. immunization policies;
- X. initial school entry health examination policy;
- Y. health services reporting procedure;
- Z. advisory committee activities and membership; and

AA. School District and county public health unit personnel responsible for coordinating health services.

The school health services plan will describe employing or contracting for all health-related staff and the supervision of all school health services personnel regardless of funding source.

Protocols for supervision of school health services personnel shall be described in the school health services plan to assure that such services are provided in accordance with statutory and regulatory requirements and professional standards. These shall be kept on file at the District and the Taylor County Health Department.

Decisions regarding medical protocols or standing orders in the delivery of school health services are the responsibility of the Taylor County Health Department medical director in conjunction with the Board, school health advisory committee, the District medical consultant, or the student's private physician.

Notice to Parents

At the beginning of the school year, the District will notify parents of each healthcare service offered at their student's school and of the option to withhold consent or decline any specific service in accordance with F.S. 1014.06.

COVID-19 Prohibitions

Neither the Board nor any Board agent or employee may:

- A. impose a COVID-19 vaccination mandate for students; or
- B. prohibit a student from attending school or school-sponsored activities, prohibit a student from being on school property, or subject a student to restrictions or disparate treatment, based on an exposure to COVID-19, so long as the student remains asymptomatic and has not received a positive test for COVID-19.

Anaphylaxis Training and Emergency Action Plans for Kindergarten Through Grade 8 Schools

Each school in the District that serves students in kindergarten through grade 8 shall provide training to an adequate number of school personnel and contracted personnel in preventing and responding to allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis. [DRAFTING NOTE: The next sentence is to provide guidance on implementing the requirement that the training be provided to "an adequate school personnel and contracted personnel." The position identified in the next sentence may want to consult with District health care professionals to identify how many students at a particular school may have allergy issues, the nature of the allergies, and the staff assigned to the school who may be able to respond.] The _____ shall be responsible for determining the number of personnel to be trained at each school site. The training must comply with State Board of Education Rules and include recognizing the signs of an anaphylactic reaction and administering an FDA-approved epinephrine delivery device that has a pre-measured, appropriate weight-based dose.

For each student in kindergarten through grade 8 who has an emergency action plan for anaphylaxis, such plan must be in effect and accessible at all times when the student is on school grounds during the school day or participating in school-sponsored activities. This includes extra-curricular activities, athletics, school dances, and contracted before school or after-school programs at the student's school.

Water Safety and Swimming Certification

Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, each school shall provide information on the important role water safety education courses and swimming lessons play in saving lives to a parent who initially enrolls their child in the school or the student if the student is eighteen (18) years of age or older. The information will be provided electronically or in hard copy and must include local options for age-appropriate water safety courses and swimming lessons that result in a certificate indicating successful completion, including courses and lessons offered for free or at a reduced price.

Availability of Menstrual Hygiene Products

~~The Board will make menstrual hygiene products available in each school within the District at no charge to students.~~

~~The term "menstrual hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle. Menstrual hygiene products may be located in the school nurse's office, other school facilities used for health services, and in restrooms within each school, including wheelchair-accessible restrooms.~~

~~Menstrual hygiene products may not display any advertisement, logo, or text except for the brand name and any product information provided by the manufacturer. Associated dispensing mechanisms may not~~

display any advertisement, logo, or text except for the brand name and product information provided by the manufacturer or information necessary to maintain the dispensing mechanism.

If the products or dispensing mechanism is provided, sponsored, or otherwise funded by a person or an organization other than the District or the manufacturer, information related to the provider, sponsor, or person or organization making such donation may not be displayed.

Participating schools shall ensure that students are provided appropriate notice as to the availability and location of the menstrual hygiene products.

The District may partner with nonprofit organizations, nongovernmental organizations, businesses, and other organizations to assist in supplying and maintaining such menstrual hygiene products.

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