

Student Health Services:

1. Student Health Services. Describe the plan to ensure the health of students....

Assuring a safe and healthy environment for students and staff will be of the highest importance. SMS will hire a registered nurse who will be responsible for operating under requirements issued by, and in consultation with the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE). SMS will implement a comprehensive set of health, safety, and risk management policies and practices, in accordance with the Nursing Technical Assistance Manual. These policies and practices will be communicated to parents, students, and staff as part of enrollment procedures and various orientation programs.

The school will maintain diligence in communicating with parents, staff and students about urgent health issues, and will make every effort to employ best practices in managing the health and safety of students, staff and guests. The school leader will supervise the nurse, evaluating both in job performance and also his/her role with ensuring compliance with health regulations.

Student Enrollment: Policies will be developed and approved by the Board prior to student recruitment beginning in the Fall of 2017, and at a minimum will address the following topics:

Ensuring that students have physical examinations and immunizations prior to enrollment:

Proof of a student's recent physical examination and immunizations will be collected at the time of enrollment. In accordance with state regulations, parents will be notified when immunization and other screening requirements are not met, and the student will be excluded from school until the regulation has been met. All health information will be reviewed, maintained, and monitored by the school nurse, and will be included as part of the student record.

Establishing procedures for administering medications and medical treatments, including first aid at school:

The school nurse will administer medications and medical treatments in accordance with DDOE's Nursing Technical Assistance Manual and Regulations, and any other appropriate governmental regulations or professional guidelines when students are onsite at school.

Monitoring student health and maintaining health records: The school nurse will monitor and maintain student health records in a secure location and will forward the required documentation of services to DDOE.

Ensuring that immunizations and TB screenings are conducted: The school nurse is the on-site health expert for SMS. His or her duties include monitoring student health records. In accordance with state regulations, parents will be notified when immunization and other screening requirements are not met, and the student will be excluded from school until the regulation has been met. Properly documented immunization exemptions will be considered by the school leader in consultation with the school nurse.

Ensuring the school nurse will serve on IEP teams, as required, when medical treatment is necessary:

The nurse will serve as a member of IEP teams when medical issues are discussed. The nurse will also provide medical information during evaluation processes.

Screening for health problems (vision, hearing, orthopedic, etc.): The school nurse will conduct an active screening program for vision, hearing, orthopedic issues, etc. as prescribed in DDOE's Nursing Technical Assistance Manual and Regulations.

Establishing procedures for containing and controlling the spread of infectious diseases:

Procedures will be developed to communicate appropriate precautionary steps for containing and preventing the spread of infectious diseases and other medical conditions.