

**GREENBURGH ELEVEN UFSD
POLICY #5420
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

The Board of Education recognizes that good student health is vital to successful learning and realizes its responsibility, along with that of parent(s) or guardian(s), or parent representative(s) to protect and foster a safe and healthful environment for the students.

The school shall work closely with students' families or parent representatives to provide detection and preventive health services. In accordance with law, the school will provide vision, hearing, and scoliosis screening. Problems shall be referred to the parent(s) or guardians(s) or parent representative(s) who shall be encouraged to have their family physician or Children's Village physician provide appropriate care.

Schools shall also provide emergency care for students in accidental or unexpected medical situations.

A permanent student health record shall be part of a student's cumulative school record and should follow the student from grade to grade and school to school along with his/her academic record. This record folder shall be maintained by the school nurse.

Communicable Diseases

It is the responsibility of the School Board to provide all students with a safe and healthy school environment. To meet this responsibility, it is sometimes necessary to exclude students with contagious and infectious diseases, as defined in the Public Health Law, from attendance in school. Students will be excluded during periods of contagion for time periods indicated on a chart developed by the school nurse.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools, working through district health personnel, to enforce this policy and to contact the Children's Village Medical Department and the county or local health department when a reportable case of a communicable disease is identified in the student or staff population.

Administering Medication to Students Including Psychotropic Medication

Neither the School Board nor District staff members shall be responsible for the diagnosis or treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication including psychotropic medication to a student during school hours shall be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student, or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not made available to him/her during school hours, or where it is done pursuant to law requiring accommodation to a student's special medical needs (e.g., Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973). "Medication" will include all medicines

Before any medication may be administered to or by a student during school hours, the School Board requires:

- 1 the written request of the parent(s) or guardian(s) or parent representative(s) which shall give permission for such administration and relieve the School Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication; and
- 2 the written order of the prescribing physician, which will include the purpose of the medication, the dosage, the time at which or the special circumstances under which medication shall be administered, the period for which medication is prescribed, and the possible side effects of the medication.

Both documents shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse.

Regulations

The Superintendent shall develop comprehensive regulations governing student health services. Those regulations shall include the provisions of all health services required by law, procedures of the maintenance of health records, and procedures for the administering of medication to students.

Ref: Education Law §§310 (provisions for appeal of child denied school entrance for failure to comply with immunization requirement); 901 et seq. (medical and health services); 6909 (emergency treatment of anaphylaxis) Public Health Law §§613 (annual survey); 2164 (immunization requirements) & NYCRR §64.7 (administration of agents to treat anaphylaxis); Part 136 (school health services program)

Administration of Medication in the School Setting Guidelines, State Education Department, revised April 2002

Immunization Guidelines: Vaccine Preventable Communicable Disease Control State Education Department, revised August 2000