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**436 – MANAGING STUDENTS
WITH MEDICAL ALERT/ANAPHYLAXIS CONDITIONS**

Introduction

The Board of Education is committed to the well being of students who may require emergency medical care while at school or during school-sanctioned events. Students who have been physician-diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening require planned care and support as outlined in the BC Ministry of Education in accordance with the Anaphylactic Protection Order (2009) and the BC Anaphylactic and Child Safety Framework (2007, Revised 2013). Reported medical conditions may include:

- Epilepsy and/or Seizure Disorders
- Anaphylactic and/or history of severe allergic response
- Severe Asthma - immediate medical treatment required
- Blood clotting disorders such as haemophilia that require immediate medical care in the event of injury
- Serious heart conditions
- Other conditions, which may require emergency care as determined in consultation with parents/guardians/ student/family physician, school, and Medical Health Officer or designate

Policy

To support the safety, health and well being of students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening, the Board believes that the care of students is a joint responsibility of parents/guardians, school personnel, students, and Public Health Nurses.

The following are mandatory to ensure that the care of students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening is managed in a safe manner:

1. All students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening must have medical information provided on the School District No. 23 Registration Form, the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form, or the BC Ministry of Education Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form, or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan (if applicable), and the Request for Administration of Medication at School Form (if applicable) (refer to Form F436.5).



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2. School personnel who are supervising students with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening must be aware of information provided on the School District No. 23 Registration Form, the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form, or the BC Ministry of Education Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form, or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan (if applicable) and the Request for Administration of Medication at School Form (if applicable) (refer to Form F436.5), as well as participate in annual mandatory training.

The following outlines the specific responsibilities of parents/guardians/Principals/Vice-Principals, school personnel, students, and Public Health Nurses:

1. The parents/guardians have primary responsibility for:
 - communicating information about their child's serious medical condition(s) to school personnel and the Public Health Nurse (if applicable);
 - completing the *mandatory* School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form, or BC Ministry of Education Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form, or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan (if applicable), and the Request for Administration of Medication at School Form (if applicable) (refer to Form F436.5);
 - informing school personnel immediately in the event of any medical concerns.
2. The Principal/Vice-Principal and/or the designated/supervising school personnel are responsible for:
 - ensuring the safety and well-being of students during school hours and during after hours school related activities;
 - collecting information from parents/guardians related to students diagnosed with serious health conditions;
 - providing a supportive environment for students diagnosed with serious health condition(s);
 - collaborating with the Public Health Nurse in the role of supporting the health of students diagnosed with serious medical conditions.
3. Students have responsibility for:
 - following all health and school guidelines for their serious medical condition(s);
 - keeping their parents/guardians and personal health professionals informed of any concerns related to their serious medical condition;
 - informing school personnel immediately in the event of any serious medical event.



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4. The Public Health Nurse has responsibility for:
- supporting the health of those students who may be medically at risk so they can participate in school activities successfully;
 - reviewing the completed School District No. 23 Medical Alert Planning Form, or BC Ministry of Education Seizure Action Plan & Medical Alert Information Form, or the Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan (if applicable) and the Request for Administration of Medication at School Form (if applicable) (refer to Form F436.5);
 - clarifying the needs of these students through communication with parents/guardians;
 - preparing information required by the School Administrator and school personnel to support these students;
 - co-ordinating training to school personnel involved with these students.

The specific guidelines for the management and overseeing of this process are detailed in Regulations 436R - Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylactic Conditions (Regulations). Students diagnosed with serious medical condition(s) that are potentially life threatening will be accommodated in accordance with this Policy and Regulations 436R - Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylactic Conditions (Regulations), and with Policy 435 - Medical Treatment of Students and Regulations 435R - Medical Treatment of Students (Regulations).