

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The Governing Board of Genesis Innovation Academy, to implement the requirements of O.C.G.A. §20-2-771.2 and O.C.G.A. §20-2-779, has established a student health services program for Genesis Innovation Academy.

The program will be implemented by trained Genesis Innovation Academy personnel and others whose duties are set forth in job descriptions provided by the Head of School and approved by the Board.

The Head of Schools, or designee, is responsible for developing other rules and procedures which may be necessary, in combination with the job descriptions, to implement this program. These rules and procedures shall comply with requirements of the State Board of Education, state law, the Department of Public Health or other state agency with jurisdiction or authority over services provided to students under the above reference code section.

The Head of School is responsible for ensuring all personnel performing student health services under this policy attend the necessary annual training. All training will be conducted by licensed, certified, and/or qualified trainers.

All personnel performing services under this policy are subject to the restrictions set forth in O.C.G.A. 20-2-773, specifically, none of the following health services shall be provided to public school students pursuant to this policy:

- (1) Distribution of contraceptives;
- (2) Performance of abortions;
- (3) Referrals for abortion; or,
- (4) Dispensing of abortifacients.

LEGAL REF: O.C.G.A. §20-2-771.2, §20-2-779

SCHOOL NURSING PROCEDURES

Trained school health personnel provide monitoring, storage and administration of medication to students with medical conditions. They also train and supervise other personnel in the administration of medication. The following policies and procedures have been developed to address the administration of medication (both prescription and over-the-counter) to students during regular school hours, at school-sponsored activities, and at after-school events. These procedures shall be communicated to parents/guardians, students, and all school staff as appropriate.

Medication (including over-the-counter and prescription medications) will be administered to students during school hours and during school-sponsored activities only upon receipt of a written parental request and a valid medical authorization.

The administration of drugs or medications, duly prescribed and authorized by a physician, is within the scope of duty of a teacher, including substitute, teacher assistant or student teacher, and any other public school employee as authorized by the Genesis Innovation Academy Board of Directors (the "Board").

The Board designates the Head of School of the school as its designee to authorize employees, contracted agencies or staff at the school to administer medication to students in accordance with state law. The Head of School shall authorize named individuals to administer medication, provided that no one shall be required to administer drugs or medication. Each person designated to administer medication shall receive annual training.

The Head of School shall develop regulations to implement the provisions of this policy that include detailed rules regarding the circumstances in which students may be administered or self-administer medications while at school or school-related activities.

LEGAL REF: O.C.G.A. §20-2-774, §20-2-776, §20-2-776.1, §20-2-776.2, §20-2-776.3, §20-2-777

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

In accordance with O.C.G.A. §20-2-771, each student must have immunizations for the following diseases before the first day of attendance in school: diphtheria; haemophilus influenzae type B (not required on or after the fifth birthday); hepatitis A; hepatitis B; measles; meningitis; mumps; pertussis (whooping cough); pneumococcal (not required on or after the fifth birthday); poliomyelitis; rubella (German measles); tetanus; and varicella (chickenpox) and any other disease that is determined by the Commissioner of Public Health to be in the interest of the public health.

A student may be exempt from immunization requirements for religious and/or medical reasons, subject to the following requirements.

Religious Objection

If a parent objects to the immunization on religious grounds, then the parent must provide to the Head of School a signed affidavit in which the parent swears or affirms that the required immunization conflicts with the religious beliefs of the parent. Upon receipt of this statement, the child shall be allowed to attend school without the immunization, except in the event of an epidemic. A copy of this affidavit, which does not expire, will be placed in the student's file in lieu of an immunization certificate.

Medical Exception

If a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia certifies that, based upon examination of the child a required immunization may be detrimental to the health of the child then the child may be allowed to attend school without the immunization. The medical certificate will be placed in the student's file in lieu of an immunization certificate. Certificates for medical exemption must be reviewed and reissued annually. Subject to the exceptions set forth in this policy, a certificate of immunizations, completed by a qualified professional, must be presented to the Head of School on or before the child's first day of attendance.

If not received before the child begins attendance, the Head of School shall submit a Notice of Deficiency to the parent. The certificate of immunizations must then be provided within 30 calendar days of the first day of attendance. An extension beyond 30 days may be allowed upon certification by a physician that additional time is necessary in order to administer vaccine in medically approved doses. The Head of School shall exclude children who have not provided the certificate of immunizations within the above timeframe. The Head of School shall maintain the certificate of immunizations and transmit, upon request, a copy to any new school of enrollment.

The Head of School shall also maintain a copy of any statement presented by the parents based on either the religious or medical exemptions set forth in this policy. Within 60 calendar days after the commencement of the school year, the school is required to file an immunization report with the Georgia Department of Public Health on forms provided by the department.

LEGAL REF: O.C.G.A. §20-2-771

VISION, HEARING, DENTAL, AND NURTITIONAL SCREENINGS

In accordance with O.C.G.A. §20-2-770, all students enrolling in a Georgia public school for the first time must provide certification from an appropriate health professional that a student has undergone a vision, hearing, dental, and nutrition screening. A completed certificate must be presented to the Head of School prior to enrollment. A student may be exempt from screening requirements for religious and/or medical reasons, subject to the following requirements.

Religious Objection: If a parent objects to any screening on religious grounds, the parent must provide a notarized statement stating that the required screening(s) conflict with the religious beliefs of the parent. This notarized statement will be kept in the student's file at the school and forwarded to new schools in the same manner as a Certificate.

Medical Exemption: If a disability or other health condition precludes student from taking or passing any of the four screening components, then Certificate submitted to the school must provide an explanation from the health professional as to why the test could not be administered or passed, note whether the student is under professional care, and provide any further information that might assist the school with the student's educational planning.

LEGAL REF: O.C.G.A. §20-2-770, DPH Rule 551-5-6-.01

DIABETES MEDICAL MANAGEMENT PLANS

As part of Genesis Innovation Academy's student health services program and in accordance with OCGA §20-2-779, the Head of School is responsible for designating at least two employees to serve as trained diabetes personnel when a student with diabetes is enrolled in the School, when appropriate.

The Head of School shall develop rules and procedures for the submission and implementation of a diabetes medical management plan by the parent of any student with diabetes who seeks care while at school or school-sponsored activities.

A student who has been diagnosed with diabetes must have a Diabetes Medical Management Plan (DMMP), signed by a parent and physician, on file with the School to receive or administer the related medication or treatment while at school or school-sponsored activities. The DMMP must contain all items covered in the plan, including how, when, and under what circumstances the student should receive blood glucose monitoring and injections of insulin as well as steps to take in case of an emergency.

Upon written request by a parent and if authorized by a student's DMMP, a student with diabetes shall be permitted to perform blood glucose checks, administer insulin through the insulin delivery system the student uses, treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, and otherwise attend to the monitoring and treatment of his or her diabetes in the classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, and at

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any school related activity, and he or she shall be permitted to possess on his or her person at all times all necessary supplies and equipment to perform such monitoring and treatment functions. LEGAL REF: O.C.G.A. §20-2-779