

5335 - CARE OF STUDENTS WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

Students with chronic health conditions will be provided with a free appropriate public education. If their impairment does not require specially designed instruction for them to benefit educationally, they will be eligible for accommodations/ modifications/ interventions of the regular classroom, curriculum, or activity (i.e. the school setting) with every effort made to provide them with the same access to an education as students without disabilities.

A chronic health condition is defined as one that is long-term (usually more than three months duration) and is either not curable or has residual features that result in limitations in daily living requiring adaptation in function or special assistance (Schwab and Gelfman, 2005, National Association of School Nurses Position Statement).

All information regarding student identification, health care management, and emergency care shall be safeguarded as personally identifiable information in accordance with Policy 8330, Policy 8350, and Policy 5341.

The District will coordinate school health practices for the management of a chronic health condition providing for, but not limited to:

- A. identification of individuals with chronic health conditions;
- B. development of individual plan(s) of care;
- C. communication among school staff that interact with children with chronic health conditions;
- D. development of protocols to prevent or minimize exposure/episodic reactions;
- E. awareness and training of school staff regarding the management of chronic health conditions.

School health practices shall provide students with chronic health conditions the opportunity for:

- A. full participation in school based activities when students are well;
- B. modified activities as indicated by the student's health care action plan, orders from the student's health care provider, 504 plan, or Individualized Education Plan;
- C. access to medications in accordance with Policy 5330 (Administration of Medications) and Policy 5341 (Emergency Medical Authorization).
- D. care of the student's chronic health condition in the classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, or at school-related activities or events.

Staff will be trained about chronic health conditions regularly as defined by State regulations.