

DRAFT UPDATE

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

7:250

Students

Student Support Services

The following student support services may be provided by the Cooperative:

1. Health services supervised by a qualified nurse. The Executive Director or designee may implement procedures to further a healthy school environment and prevent or reduce the spread of disease.
2. Educational and psychological testing services and the services of a psychologist as needed. In all cases, written permission to administer a psychological examination must be obtained from a student's parent(s)/guardian(s). The results will be given to the parent(s)/guardian(s), with interpretation, as well as to the appropriate professional staff.
3. The services of a social worker as indicated on the student's IEP.
4. A liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of students in the legal custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services when enrolling in or changing schools.

The Executive Director or designee shall develop protocols for responding to students with social, emotional, or mental health problems that impact learning ability. The Cooperative, however, assumes no liability for preventing, identifying, or treating such problems.

This policy shall be implemented in a manner consistent with State and federal laws, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.

LEGAL REF.: Children's Mental Health Act of 2003, 405 ILCS 49/
Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act, 740 ILCS 110/
105 ILCS 5/10-20.58.

CROSS REF.: 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:270 (Guidance and
Counseling Program), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations;
Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic
Infectious Diseases), 7:340 (Student Records)

ADOPTED: November 5, 2014

Comment [APowell1]: School districts may employ noncertificated/non-professional educator-licensed registered professional nurses to perform professional nursing services (105 ILCS 5/10-22.23; 23 Ill. Admin. Code §1.760(c)). A registered professional nurse means any nurse who is licensed to practice professional nursing in Illinois under the Nurse Practice Act (225 ILCS 65/) and whose license is active and in good standing with the Ill. Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation (23 Ill. Admin. Code §1.760(b)).

A school nurse means any registered professional nurse who also holds a professional educator license endorsed for school support services in school nursing, or any registered professional nurse who does not hold the professional educator license but was employed in the school district of current employment before 7-1-76 (23 Ill. Admin. Code §1.760(c)).

See the footnotes available at PRESS Online for more information.

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Comment [APowell2]:
105 ILCS 5/10-20.58, added by P.A. 99-781, allows school boards to appoint liaisons for foster care students. These liaisons must be licensed under Article 21B of the School Code. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.58 directs how employees are prioritized for liaison appointment. Liaisons are "encouraged to build capacity and infrastructure within their school district to support students in the legal custody of the Department of Children and Family Services." For more information about Liaison responsibilities, please see the footnotes of policy 7:50, *School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools*, available at PRESS Online.

OPTION: To remove the liaison for foster care students from policy, mark "yes" on your PRESS Plus Response Form.

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