

Policy 0580-10

Student Health and Safety

The Board of Trustees recognizes and affirms the fundamental rights and responsibilities of parents/legal guardians in the education, decision making and upbringing of their children. As a result, and in accordance with State Statute 33-6001, parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will be notified regarding known changes in their student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. When such changes are brought to the attention of school personnel, the student will be referred to the appropriate staff member who is properly trained to address the matter or the building administration. Building staff will encourage the student to discuss issues related to the student's well-being with the student's parent or legal guardian and, if necessary, to facilitate discussion of the issues with the parent or legal guardian.

At the start of the school year, the District will notify parents/legal guardians of health services offered or made available through the school or by private organizations, including preventative health and wellness services, screenings, medication administration, first aid and emergency care, and appropriate management of all health conditions with parental consent. Parental consent to any health or wellness service does not waive the parent/legal guardian's right to access their child's educational or associated health records or to be notified about their child's health status or monitoring.

Parents/legal guardians, shall be able to access their child's education and health records created, maintained, or used by the District unless such documentation relates to physical abuse, abandonment, or neglect by the parent or legal guardian. Such records shall be provided by the school or District to the parent/legal guardian within five (5) school- days after the request to access such records is made.

The Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to establish guidelines and forms consistent with this policy.

Emergency Administration of Medication

Administration of medications in the school setting will align with Idaho and federal laws, regulations and standards, and in conjunction with the Nursing Practice Act.

Pupil Possession and Use of Emergency Medication

Students who require emergency medication to treat life threatening medical conditions may possess and use the prescribed medication or supplies pursuant to prescription and written direction from a physician.

Medication and supplies include medical inhalers, epinephrine auto-injectors, insulin and blood glucose monitoring supplies.

West Ada may require pupils to maintain a current duplicate prescription or supplies in the Health Office.

Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Requests

To ensure consistent and immediate provisioning of life-sustaining emergency care throughout the school system, no student while under the control or supervision of the District will be denied appropriate efforts to preserve life and health regardless of "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) requests. Such DNR requests may be provided to the school which must forward such requests to any outside first-responders, but District personnel must provide emergency care to all students under the control and supervision of the school.

Parents may provide a copy of the DNR to the school to be given to an outside emergency response agency should the pupil need support for a life-threatening condition.

Reference: Code of Idaho,33-512(4), 33-6001, IDELR 83, 84,(Office of Civil Rights, Mar. 31, 1994)