

GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Greenwich, Connecticut

Policy E- 001 – PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND CURRICULUM

Procedure E-001.20 – Students with Special Health Care Needs

Meeting Students' Needs:

“Students with Special Health Care Needs” refers to those students who have a medically diagnosed chronic health condition, such as asthma, diabetes, life threatening food or insect allergies, seizures, cardiac abnormalities, chronic infectious disease, acquired disability, mental health conditions, or a significant acute illness or injury requiring treatment and a recovery period, such as mononucleosis, lyme disease, or a fractured arm or leg. These students have needs that often require accommodations in a school setting to provide a safe environment where the child is able to achieve at a level equal to his/her ability. For those students, access to education may require:

- Assessment and periodic reassessment of the child’s health status and level of functioning in order to determine what special services or program modifications he or she may need;
- Close collaboration with families;
- Development of an individualized health care plan (IHP) and/or school health plan (SHP),and/or emergency care plan (ECP) to address health and safety needs for school attendance;
- Related services necessary to ensure successful functioning in educational settings;
- Enhanced communication with staff health and social service providers in the school and the community;
- Education of school personnel

The State of Connecticut Department of Education Guidelines for Serving Students with Special Health Care Needs, 1992, as adapted, will be used to develop and promote safe and appropriate educational opportunities for students with special health needs on a case-by-case basis.

Administrative Responsibility

Following notice from a child’s parent or guardian, supported by documentation from the child’s medical provider, the administration is responsible for notifying the school nurse that a student with special health care needs is entering or reentering the school. The administration, working with a team (parent or guardian, school medical advisor, school nurse, classroom teacher(s) another appropriate personnel) will collaboratively develop, monitor and assess a care plan to provide for the student’s safe transition into school, and meet his/her subsequent health care needs while in school.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-212a Administration of medicines by school personnel (as amended by PA 03-211)

52-557b Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance first aid or medication by injection.

Connecticut Regulations of State Agencies

10-212a-1-10-212a-7 Administration of medicines by school personnel

1307.21 Code of Federal Regulation

PA 03-211 An Act Concerning the Provisions of Medical Care for Student's Health Care Needs

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