

# **Policy JLC- Student Health Services and Requirements**

## **Referrals for non-emergency care**

### 1. To private physicians or clinics

Parents are responsible for care of their children. If a parent requests the name of a physician, he shall be referred to the Denver Medical Society Referral Center by a school nurse or school physician. No school employee shall refer a family to any individual physician.

### 2. To Nursing Services

Principals, teachers, special education staff or others may need additional health information about certain students and should contact health service personnel for such assistance. The school nurse shall make all contacts with private physicians or clinics for the purpose of giving or securing health information about a student.

## **Health information about students**

### 1. Requesting health information

It is the responsibility of Nursing Services to secure health information about students from private physicians, hospitals or clinics. Signed parent permission slips shall be obtained as legal protection for the physician and the schools.

### 2. Transmitting health information

Every health report sent to Nursing Services shall be reviewed and shared with the school nurse who in turn shall give the information to the principal or teacher requesting it.

### 3. Receiving health information at school

If a health report is received at the school, it should be given to the school nurse. If additional help or interpretation is needed, Nursing Services should be contacted.

### 4. Releasing health information

When written requests for health information about students come from physicians, hospitals or clinics, the permission of parents to release such information may be required. Signed permission slips shall be obtained by requestees.

When phone requests come from physicians, hospitals or clinics, identification of the caller shall be checked before any information is released. A return telephone call should be made to verify

the authenticity of the call. Permission of the parent may be needed according to the type of information sought.

### **Annual Screening Programs**

The sight and hearing of all students in kindergarten, first, second, third, fifth, seventh and ninth grades or students in comparable age groups referred for testing shall be tested during the school year by the school nurse, teacher, principal or other qualified person authorized by the school district, as required by law.

The parents or guardian shall be informed when a deficiency is found.

This provision shall not apply to any student whose parent or guardian objects on religious or personal grounds.

### **Dental care clinic**

The Denver Public Schools shall participate in a cooperative program with Kids in Need of Dentistry (KIND) to provide dental care for students who have no other dental resource.

1. Management and implementation of the facility shall be the responsibility of the KIND.
2. The Denver Public Schools shall provide physical facilities and supplies only. The participation of the school district shall be limited as noted above. The district shall not assume responsibility for personnel or policy decisions of the agency performing the dental care.
3. The Denver Public Schools disavows any professional liability.

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CROSS REFS.: JEC, Student Admissions to/Withdrawals from School  
JHD, Exclusions and Exemption from School Attendance  
JLCB, Immunization of Students  
JLCC, Communicable/Infectious Diseases  
JLCCA, Students with HIV/AIDS

JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students

JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students