



Medical Health Supports

Date Approved: 2018

Projected Review Date: 2022

Page 1 of 3

PURPOSE:

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is committed to ensuring a safe, accepting, and healthy learning environment that supports student well-being. This environment empowers students with health/medical needs to reach their full potential for self-management of their condition(s), according to their Plan of Care.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- All health support services must be administered in a manner that respects, to the degree possible in the circumstances, the student's right to privacy, dignity, and cultural sensitivity.
- Students with special medical/health needs will be maintained in the school in which they are registered whenever possible; however, when this is not possible, students will be supported in appropriate facilities within the system to address their individual needs.
- The designation of roles and responsibilities for medical/health support services in school settings does not preclude, in emergency situations, the provision of assistance by school board personnel.
- Services and supports as described in the procedures contained within this policy shall be rendered by authorized personnel only (i.e., Board staff who have received pertinent information and training). Students and volunteers are not considered authorized personnel.

INTENDED OUTCOMES:

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, in conjunction with the appropriate health care provider, will share the responsibility for providing school health support services to ensure that all school-aged children can attend and participate in school regardless of their special health support needs.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Director of Education
Members of Executive Council



Medical Health Supports

Date Approved: 2018

Projected Review Date: 2022

Page 2 of 3

TERMINOLOGY:

Local Health Integration Network (LHIN): Are the health authorities responsible for regional administration of public healthcare services in the province of Ontario.

Plan of Care: A form that contains individualized information on a student with a prevalent medical condition.

Prevalent Medical Condition: Includes anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and epilepsy.

Regulated Health Professional(s): Members of a regulatory college which are governed by the Regulated Health Professions Act and other relevant health Acts.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Ensure that a set of procedures are developed and regularly reviewed and updated, that outline specific medical/health condition(s).

PROGRESS INDICATORS:

Intended Outcome	Assessment
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, in conjunction with the Local Health Integration Network and other regulated health professionals, will share the responsibility for providing school health support services to ensure that all school-aged children can attend and participate in school regardless of their special health support needs.	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will work with the Local Health Integration Network and other regulated health professionals to facilitate supports such that students with medical/health needs are able to attend and participate in school.



Medical Health Supports

Date Approved: 2018

Projected Review Date: 2022

Page 3 of 3

REFERENCES:

Government Documents

Education Act

Ontario Human Rights Code

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

Freedom of Information Act

Occupational Health and Safety Act

Policy/Program Memorandum 81: Provision of Health Support Services in a School Setting

Memorandum dated August 14, 1989, Catheterization and Suctioning

Policy/Program Memorandum 161: Supporting Children and Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes and/or Epilepsy) in Schools

Sabrina's Law – Bill 3 – An Act to Protect Anaphylactic Pupils, 2006

Ryan's Law - Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools, 2015

Rowan's Law – Bill 193 – Concussion Safety, 2018

HWDSB Policies

Accessibility Standards for Customer Service

Equity and Inclusive Education

HWDSB Accessibility Plan

Occupational Health and Safety

Transportation