



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

PUPILS WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL CARE NEEDS and/or EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE NEEDS

Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is committed to the principle of providing a safe working environments for its students, staff and volunteers. It is the policy of this Board that no pupil with special medical care needs shall be denied access to the educational opportunities provided by the school system as a direct consequence of those needs.

This Board recognizes that educators, educational assistants, volunteers or other school staff should not be involved with the administration of medication during the school day, where alternative medication schedules are acceptable. Rather, it is generally the responsibility of parents/guardians to arrange with their licensed physician for medication which can be administered before and after school. However, where such scheduling options do not exist, the administration of medication to students shall be undertaken in accordance with the appropriate policy management practices.

This Board also recognizes that, on occasion, schools will be responsible for pupils who are receiving medication, who have a condition which requires regular medical treatment, or who, under certain circumstances, may require emergency response to severe allergy reaction.

This Board recognizes that situations may arise where the health needs of ill or injured students are best served by the transport of such students to an appropriate medical facility. This Board also recognizes that its employees will be called upon to determine the most appropriate mode of transporting ill or injured students.

Guiding Principles

- Safety of staff and students is a priority.
- All staff, parents and students, where applicable, must adhere to the process for administering medication and complete all necessary documentation.
- All staff are aware of the students with special medical care needs under the direction of the Principal.
- All schools will establish action measures in the event that an emergency response is necessary.

References

Policy/Program Memorandum No. 81

Administrative Procedures

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