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### 5335 - CARE OF STUDENTS WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

Students with chronic health conditions will be provided with a free appropriate public education. If their impairment does not require specially designed instruction for them to benefit educationally, they will be eligible for accommodations/modifications/interventions of the regular classroom, curriculum, or activity (i.e. the school setting) so that they have the same access to an education as students without disabilities. Such accommodations/modifications/interventions will be provided pursuant to a Section 504 Plan (Form 2260.01 F13).

Chronic health conditions, for the purposes of this policy, shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. ~~"peanut" and other~~ food allergies including, but not limited to, peanut allergies;
- B. **non-food-based** allergies;
- C. asthma;
- D. diabetes;
- E. seizure disorder.

All information regarding student identification, health care management, and emergency care shall be safeguarded as personally identifiable information in accordance with Policy 8330 and Policy 8350.

The District may coordinate school health practices for management of a chronic health condition and shall provide for:

- A. identification of individuals with chronic health conditions;
- B. communication among school staff who interact with children with chronic health conditions;
- C. awareness and training of school staff regarding Board policy on acute and routine management of chronic health conditions, information on signs and treatment of chronic health conditions, medication and administration, and emergency protocols for dealing with reactions in "unusual" situations such as field trips.

School health practices shall provide students with chronic health conditions the opportunity for:

- A. full participation in physical activities when students are well;
- B. modified activities as indicated by the student's health care action plan, 504 plan, or Individualized Education **Program Plan** (IEP);
- C. access to preventative medications before activity (as prescribed by their medical providers) and immediate access to emergency medications during activity;

- D. communication regarding student health status between parents, physicians, teachers (particularly physical education teachers), and coaches.

Healthcare management activities shall include:

- A. established communication strategies for students to use to tell an adult they may be having a health-related problem;
- B. procedures for students to have immediate access to medications in accordance with Policy 5330 and AG 5330 that allow students to self-care and self-administer medications, inhalers, and Epi-pens, as prescribed by a medical professional and approved by parents/guardians;
- C. prevention strategies to avoid causal elements;
- D. management and care of the student's chronic health condition in the classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, or at any school related activity or event.

Staff will be trained about chronic health conditions and their control in each school in which there is a student with a chronic health condition.

**[OPTIONAL LANGUAGE]**

~~[ ] The Superintendent shall provide training for all staff members ( ) and age-appropriate instruction for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12) [END OF OPTION] on food allergies and ways in which to assist an individual experiencing an allergic reaction. Such training shall include instruction in:~~

- ~~A. ( ) food allergies;~~
- ~~B. ( ) signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis;~~
- ~~C. ( ) prevention of allergic reactions;~~
- ~~D. ( ) management and administration of epinephrine; and~~
- ~~E. ( ) follow-up and reporting procedures.~~

~~Board-offered training that staff complete concerning the preceding topics shall qualify as a professional development activity for the renewal of educator licenses in addition to activities approved by local professional development committees.~~

~~In accordance with Ohio law, the Board, its members, employees, and contractors, a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who personally furnishes or prescribes epinephrine autoinjectors ("Epi-Pens") consults with the Superintendent or issues a protocol, and an anaphylaxis training organization and its personnel where leadership includes a duly licensed physician who is board-certified in allergy and immunology, shall not be liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with the above-described training unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.~~

Designated staff who have responsibility for specialized services such as giving inhaler treatments or injections, or conducting glucose and/or ketone tests shall be provided training specific to the procedures, at least annually, by a licensed health professional.

The school nurse shall maintain a copy of the training program and the records of training completed by school employees.

**As prescribed by R.C. 3313.719, this policy has been developed in consultation with parents, school nurses and other school employees, school volunteers, students, and community members.**

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