# Northeastern Catholic District School Board

## **PROVISION OF HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES IN SCHOOLS**

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#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) is committed to promoting the health and well-being of its students in a safe, inclusive, equitable, and caring Catholic school community. The safety of students with a medical condition is a shared responsibility with the school, Board, family, health care practitioners and community partners. The goal of the NCDSB is to support the regular attendance of all students, including accommodating those with unique health needs as outlined in PPM 81.

#### REFERENCES

Education Act Ontario Student Record Guidelines, 2000 Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Policy Program Memorandum (PPM) &1 Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings NCDSB Policy E-2 Prevalent Medical Conditions E-24 Personal Information Management NCDSB Administrative Procedure APE002 Prevalent Medical Conditions APE006 Provision of Health Support Services in Schools APE024-1 Personal Information Management

#### DEFINITIONS

Nil.

### **POLICY REGULATIONS**

- 1.0 Provide for the oral administration of medication that has been prescribed for use during school hours and/or during school sanctioned supervised excursions, and where administration has been requested in writing by the parent/guardian, as confirmed by a medical practitioner.
- 2.0 Work in collaboration with community partners to secure services that must be provided by registered health practitioners under the Ministry of Health. These services include by are not limited to:
  - i) the injection of medication;
  - ii) catheterization;

- iii) manual expression of the bladder/stoma;
- iv) postural draining/suctioning;
- v) tube feeding;
- vi) physiotherapy;
- vii) occupational therapy; and
- viii) speech pathology.
- 3.0 Provide services related to lifting and positioning, assistance with mobility, feeding, toileting, and general maintenance exercises as prescribed by a physiotherapist or occupational therapist, and speech correction and remediation as prescribed by a speech pathologist or by trained board personnel.
- 4.0 Comply with all appropriate legislation pertaining to student health care and personal information management.
- 5.0 Ensure consistency in the delivery of health support services in the school setting in accordance with PPM 81. The NCDSB requires school staff, under the direction the principal, to provide appropriate health support subject to the respective administrative procedures and other related emergency provisions.
- 6.0 Administrative procedures and guidelines will be reviewed as necessary to ensure standards of practice are established in all matters relating to the provision of health support services in schools.