



STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

Preamble

The Principal and staff of each school are encouraged to cooperate with the provincial Department of Health and its Public Health Nurses in providing such services as are necessary to promote the health of students in the school. This may involve participation in tasks associated with school health programs. Principals and Teachers may call upon the Public Health Nurse for advice and assistance on all matters of health and well-being of students.

Physical examination of students

Where the Public Health Nurse or other officials of the provincial Department of Health are required to conduct physical examinations of students, Principals are expected to provide a room suitable for such a purpose, wherever possible, and whenever deemed necessary. Teacher assistance is encouraged, if it is requested by the Public Health officials.

Inoculation and immunization of students

Immunization against infectious diseases and health problems shall be dealt with according to regulations established by the provincial Department of Health, which specify the obligations of parents/guardians in this regard.

Individual Health Care Plans

In keeping with the established philosophy of the Portage la Prairie School Division regarding student learning assessment and placement (IH, IH-R, IHD), as well as our philosophy regarding students with special needs (IFD), and in keeping with the provincial protocol on meeting the needs of medically fragile/technologically dependent students - Unified Referral and Intake System, September 1/95 - (adopted in principle through Board Motion 02:21:96), the Division recognizes the need to develop unique goals and objectives for, and record the progress of, selected students in its schools.

The *purpose* of an Individual Health Care Plan is to ensure the safety of the student and to ensure staff members working with such a child have the necessary information to allow them to provide the appropriate supports.

Students requiring programs which include medical or technological services *must have* an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) completed, and agreed to in writing by the parents, the child's Physician, the School Principal, and the School Division prior to entry into school.



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In recognizing that for students newly arrived in the Portage la Prairie School Division area this may cause delays in beginning school that may be unacceptable to the parents, therefore, the child *may be admitted* to school if:

- the parents provide the health care procedures required; or,
- otherwise make provision for those services to be provided at their expense; until such time as,
- the Individual Health Care Plan is completed and approved (by parents, staff and the School Division); and,
- qualified staff can be hired and appropriately trained.