



STUDENTS WITH CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS

A specified Individual Health Care Plan is to be prepared for each student with a chronic medical condition such as diabetes, epilepsy, kidney disease, asthma, migraine headaches, thyroid conditions, intestinal disorders, and significant allergies. The guidelines in this policy will assist the school administrator in preparing the plans required in each school.

1. On or before the commencement of school in the fall term, the school shall take every reasonable step to determine those students in attendance at the school who have a chronic disability or illness and who require or may require medical attention during the school day. For each student so determined, the School Principal should do the following:
 - a) Meet personally with the parents/guardians and obtain written information from the parents/guardians detailing the nature of the illness, the symptoms, the action to be taken in the case of illness being manifested, and ask for other instructions of a specific nature which the parent may consider necessary to safeguard the child (the classroom Teacher should be involved as may be appropriate).
 - b) Determine from the parents or, with the permission of the parents, from the child's Physician the possible educational implications of the illness and the possible side effects of any medication the child may be taking or which may need to be administered at the school.
 - c) Communicate the above information to all personnel employed at the school by filing the information in a readily accessible place.
 - d) Take such measures as may be necessary to ensure that chronically ill children will be recognized by any member of the staff, should medical attention be required.
 - e) Ensure that all Substitute Teachers are aware of chronically ill children placed in their care.
 - f) Ensure that a form of medic alert sticker be placed on the homeroom register of each chronically ill child.
2. In the event of a chronically ill child requires or may require medication, the procedures as detailed in Policy JGH - Administration of Prescribed Medication and Medical Procedures.
3. Under no circumstances shall staff ignore any symptoms or suggestions from a child that medical attention may be required or necessary.
4. In all instances where symptoms of the illness manifest themselves, or the child suggests he/she may be feeling the onset of symptoms, the school shall respond in accordance with directives provided under 1, a) and, as deemed necessary, communicate directly with the parents or the child's Physician.