STUDENTS

Student Health Services and Requirements

Student health and safety is an important part of the total school program and shall be promoted by the staff. Health services in schools/School Age Child Care (SACC) may be provided in cooperation with other county agencies under separate memorandums of understanding.

Schools/SACC shall adhere to universal precautions at all times.

It shall be the policy of Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS) that health services, including health-related counseling services, shall be provided only by qualified personnel authorized by the administrative staff and operating within the limits of applicable policies, laws, and ethical standards.

The following guidelines apply to all school staff, nurses, staff from outside agencies, and others with whom students may have contact, while those individuals are on school grounds or are involved in school activities. No exceptions shall be made.

I. Students are not to be counseled in matters related to abortion. Students needing such assistance should be referred to their parents, family physicians, or to appropriate county or state agencies for clarification.

II. No contraceptives are to be distributed.

III. No pregnancy testing will be done.

IV. Health concerns such as communicable diseases, acute care issues, chronic care issues, and screenings will be addressed in accordance with PWCS established regulations.

V. All non-School Division staff will abide by School Board policies, regulations, and guidelines including, but not limited to, the release of students from school.

The Associate Superintendent for Special Education and Student Services (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

This policy and any related regulations shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.


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