

# **STUDENT HEALTH POLICY**

## **Freedom Thinkers Education**

### **PBL Society**

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Freedom Thinkers Education PBL Society is committed to promoting and protecting the health, safety, and well-being of all students. The school recognizes that effective communication regarding student health needs is essential to maintaining a safe learning environment and responding appropriately in the event of a medical emergency. This policy establishes procedures for obtaining health information, managing medical alerts, and supporting students with identified medical conditions.

#### **POLICY RATIONALE**

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Promote the health and safety of all students.
- Ensure that staff are aware of significant medical conditions that may affect a student's safety or participation at school.
- Provide appropriate planning and preparedness for medical emergencies.
- Maintain accurate and confidential health information.
- Support effective communication between the school, parents or guardians, healthcare professionals, and emergency responders when required.

#### **POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

##### **1. Immunizations**

Freedom Thinkers Education respects the rights of parents and guardians regarding immunization decisions. Notwithstanding the provisions of the *Infants Act*, immunizations administered at the school shall only be provided with the prior informed consent of a parent or guardian and shall not be administered without that consent.

##### **2. Student Medical Information**

Upon enrollment, parents or guardians shall complete and sign a Medical Information Form for each student.

The Medical Information Form shall include, where applicable:

- Emergency contact information.
- Provincial Health Care number (formerly Care Card number).
- Physician-diagnosed medical conditions.
- Allergies and required precautions.
- Medications or emergency medical procedures required during the school day.
- Any other health information necessary to support the student's safety and well-being.

Parents or guardians are responsible for notifying the school promptly of any changes to their child's medical information.

### **3. Medical Alert Records**

The Principal shall maintain a confidential and current record of students with medical alert conditions.

The school's confidential medical records shall include:

- A completed Medical Information Form.
- Provincial Health Care number.
- Relevant medical documentation where applicable.
- Emergency response information, if required.

Access to student medical information shall be limited to staff members who require the information in order to fulfill their professional responsibilities while respecting student privacy.

### **4. Emergency Preparedness Plans**

When a student has a physician-diagnosed medical condition that may require emergency intervention at school, the Principal (or designate), in consultation with the parents or guardians and, where appropriate, healthcare professionals, shall develop an emergency preparedness plan.

The plan may include:

- Recognition of symptoms requiring immediate attention.
- Emergency procedures to be followed.
- Medication storage and administration procedures, where applicable.
- Staff responsibilities during an emergency.
- Emergency contact information.

Relevant staff members shall be informed of the student's condition and the procedures necessary to respond appropriately.

### **5. Medical Alert Conditions**

Any physician-diagnosed medical condition that presents a potentially life-threatening risk shall be treated as a Medical Alert.

Medical Alert Conditions may include, but are not limited to:

- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Anaphylaxis
- Severe asthma
- Blood clotting disorders requiring immediate medical care
- Other physician-diagnosed medical conditions requiring emergency intervention.

### **6. Staff Awareness**

The Principal (or designate) shall ensure that staff members who are responsible for the care or supervision of a student with a Medical Alert Condition are informed of:

- The nature of the student's medical condition.
- The student's emergency preparedness plan.
- Any accommodations or precautions necessary to support the student's health and safety.
- Their responsibilities in responding to a medical emergency.

All medical information shall be treated as confidential and shared only with those who require the information to ensure the student's health and safety.

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