STUDENT POLICIES

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Student Health Services

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop regulations governing student health services. Those regulations shall include the provision of all health services required by law, procedures for the maintenance of health records, procedures for the administering of medication to students, and procedures for caring for students with life-threatening allergies.
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A. Immunization Guidelines

1. West Genesee Central School District will be in compliance with the State of New York Department of Health recommendations with regard to Immunizations. As stated in the September 2004 CDC memorandum, “Schools throughout the state will comply with Section 2164(7) (a) of Public Health law related to immunization requirements for school entry.”

2. Public Health law sections 2164(7)(a) requires that:
   a. No principal, teacher, owner or person in charge of a school shall permit any child to be admitted to such school, or to attend such school, in excess of fourteen days, without the certificate provided for in subdivision five of this section or some other acceptable evidence of the child’s immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, mumps, measles, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B and where applicable, Haemophilus influenzae type b(Hib) and meningitis; provided, however, such fourteen day period may be extended to not more than thirty days for an individual student by the appropriate principal, teacher, owner or the person in charge where such student is transferring out of state or from another country can show a good faith effort to get the necessary certifications or other evidence of immunization.

3. The Health office Nurse/staff will review all new entrants’ physical examinations and immunization records.
   a. If immunization records are incomplete, the Nurse will contact the parents/guardians by telephone and request completion of records. The nurse will review the expectation of DOH with regard to the fourteen day regulation.
   b. If the parents/guardians do not respond in 7 days, the Nurse will notify the Principal of the entrants’ who are not in compliance.
   c. The Nurse will send home a letter with a second request for immunization records.
   d. If after 14 days from the onset of the school year the immunization record is incomplete, the student will not be admitted to school. The parent/guardian will be notified by phone call and follow up letter.
4. Upon receipt of complete immunization records, the student will be re-admitted to school.

5. West Genesee Central School District will follow the “School District Procedures for Implementing Requests for Religious Exemption to Immunization” as outlined by the NYS Department of Education.

B. Administering Medicines to Students in School

The administration of prescribed medication to a student during school hours is permitted only when the medication is necessary to allow the student to attend school or failure to administer the medication would seriously affect the student's health.

The following guidelines will be observed:

1. A written order from the physician in which he/she indicates the frequency and dosage of a prescribed medication. The order is necessary for all medication, over the counter as well as prescription drugs.

2. Medication is to be in a container prepared by the pharmacist and properly labeled. Over the counter medication must be in original container.

3. A written request from the parent to the school nurse to administer the medication as specified by the physician.

4. The medication should be delivered to the school by the parent or responsible adult.

C. Student Medical Examinations

In accordance with section 903 of the State Education Law, each student shall have a physical examination given by the school doctor or family physician upon entrance to school at grades one, three, five, seven, nine, and eleven. Findings are to be kept on record. Forms can be obtained from the school nurse and are also available on the District Health Services page of the website.
D. Student with Life-Threatening Allergies

Susceptibility to anaphylactic reactions is on the rise in our student population. Therefore, establishment of the following Anaphylaxis procedures and protocols at West Genesee School District is prudent:

1. A procedure and treatment plan, including responsibilities for school nurses and other appropriate school personnel, for responding to anaphylaxis and/or other serious medical conditions;

2. A training course for appropriate school personnel for preventing and responding to anaphylaxis and/or other serious medical conditions;

3. A procedure and appropriate guidelines for the development of an individualized emergency health care plan for children at risk for anaphylaxis, or other serious medical conditions;

4. A communication plan between the school building team and parent/guardian, the school nurse and the private health care provider, and the school nurse and building staff for intake and dissemination of information regarding children at risk for anaphylaxis or other serious medical conditions; and

5. Strategies for the reduction of the risk within the school setting, such as reasonable efforts to control exposure to anaphylactic causative agents, including food and other allergens, or opportunities for management within the classroom, such as carrying medications or supplies and self-medicating or testing.