

# Northeastern Catholic District School Board

## **PROVISION OF HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES IN SCHOOLS**

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#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) is committed to promoting the health and well-being of its students in a safe, inclusive, equitable, and caring Catholic school community. The safety of students with a medical condition is a shared responsibility with the school, Board, family, health care practitioners and community partners. The goal of the NCDSB is to support the regular attendance of all students, including accommodating those with unique health needs as outlined in PPM 81.

#### **REFERENCES**

**Education Act** 

Ontario Student Record Guidelines, 2000

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Policy Program Memorandum (PPM)

81 Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings

NCDSB Policy

E-2 Prevalent Medical Conditions

E-24 Personal Information Management

NCDSB Administrative Procedure

**APE002 Prevalent Medical Conditions** 

APE006 Provision of Health Support Services in Schools

APE024-1 Personal Information Management

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Medical Practitioner**

A doctor or nurse practitioner.

#### **Qualified Professionals**

Include but are not limited to physiotherapists, occupational therapists, or speech-language pathologists.

### **POLICY REGULATIONS**

- 1.0 Work collaboratively with community partners to secure services that must be delivered by registered health practitioners under the authority of the Ministry of Health. These services include but are not limited to:
  - i) injection of medication;
  - ii) catheterization;
  - iii) manual expression of the bladder/stoma;

- iv) postural draining/suctioning;
- v) tube feeding;
- vi) physiotherapy;
- vii) occupational therapy; and
- viii) speech pathology.
- 2.0 Provide or support services related to lifting, positioning, mobility assistance, feeding, toileting, and maintenance exercises as prescribed by qualified professionals or as provided by trained Board personnel.
- 3.0 Comply with all applicable legislation governing student health care, privacy, and personal information management.
- 4.0 Ensure consistent delivery of health support services across all schools in accordance with PPM 81 and related administrative procedures. Under the direction of the Principal, school staff shall provide appropriate health supports in alignment with established protocols and emergency response provisions.
- 5.0 Administrative procedures and guidelines will be reviewed regularly to maintain compliance with current standards and to ensure best practices in all matters relating to health support services in schools.