

Medical Conditions	
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Associated Policies & Procedures: VI-13 Pediculosis (Head Lice) Management VI-27 Diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2) VI-65 Anaphylaxis VI-66 Asthma VI-67 Epilepsy – Seizure Disorder VI-68 Medications – Oral (Prescription, Non-Prescription) VI-69 Heart Conditions: Cardiac Rhythm Disorders, Congenital Heart Disease, Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome (SADS) VI-71 Concussion Safety VI-79 Indoor Air Quality Investigation Process II-26 Managing Student Risk in Interschool Sports II-31 Risk Management - First Aid VI-110 Opioid Overdose Procedure	

Purpose

To ensure consistent expectations of a standard of care; to provide management, care and emergency procedures, where appropriate, to students who are diagnosed with a medical condition that requires treatment (e.g., anaphylaxis, asthma, type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes, epilepsy-seizure disorder, concussion, heart conditions, etc.).

Application and Scope

This policy applies to Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) staff and appropriate others in the school community (e.g., transportation providers, food service providers, volunteers, etc.) that come in contact on a regular basis with a student diagnosed with a medical condition that requires treatment while on school site and/or at all off-site activities sponsored by the school/HCDSB.

This policy applies to concussion safety for students that meet certain minimum requirements as outlined in PPM 158, 2019; Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), 2018; and amendments to the Education Act. The corresponding procedure *VI-71 Concussion Safety*, includes specific requirements that are addressed in the HCDSB Concussion Protocol to ensure compliance.

Staff have separate and specific procedures through Human Resources Services.

References

[Caring and Safe Schools in Ontario](#)

[Education Act](#)

[Good Samaritan Act](#)

[PPM 81 - Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings](#)

[PPM 150 - School Food and Beverage Policy](#)

[PPM 158 - School Board Policies on Concussion](#)

[PPM 161 - Supporting Children and Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions \(Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy\) in Schools](#)

[Rowan's Law \(Concussion\)](#)

[Ryan's Law \(Asthma\)](#)

[Sabrina's Law \(Anaphylaxis\)](#)

Principles

- HCDSB has an interest in ensuring the health and well-being of its students in a safe, accepting and healthy learning environment.
- The safety of students with a medical condition is a shared responsibility with the school, HCDSB, family and community partners working together.
- HCDSB recognizes that each student diagnosed with a medical condition is unique and requires an individual Student Plan of Care.
- The safety of students with medical conditions in school settings depends on the cooperation of the entire school community.
- School staff must be aware of the recommended plan of care for the individual student diagnosed with a medical condition and the action required should an emergency arise.
- The Principal must provide a supportive environment for students with a medical condition and their families.
- Community partnerships will be encouraged in order to achieve a collaborative approach to the promotion of healthy lifestyles, and the management of medical conditions.
- The goal of the school is for the student to become:

- i. as independent as possible, as soon as possible, in managing their medical condition,
- ii. a self-advocate in the management of their medical condition.

Requirements

- a) The Director has the responsibility to ensure the development of procedures and protocols to implement this policy and to support the necessary treatment of ongoing medical conditions while on school site and/or off-site activities sponsored by the school/HCDSB.
- b) The Superintendent of Schools has the responsibility to ensure all Principals and appropriate others are familiar with the requirements and expectations of the applicable HCDSB Medical Conditions policy, procedures and protocols on an annual basis.
- c) The Principal has the responsibility to coordinate communication of information as necessary and appropriate, about the requirements of the HCDSB Medical Conditions policy, procedures and protocols to all school staff, parent/guardian of a student with a medical condition, students and school community.
- d) The Principal has the responsibility to ensure that all school staff and appropriate others (e.g., occasional staff, lunch hour supervisors, volunteers, etc.) are familiar with all requirements, expectations, and appropriate training of the HCDSB's Medical Condition Protocols and Responsibility Checklists, on an annual basis and as required.
- e) The Principal shall ensure the maintenance of a school-wide comprehensive plan and individual Student Plans of Care, as appropriate, to implement this policy and applicable procedures.
- f) School staff and appropriate others are responsible for following HCDSB policies and procedures related to supporting students with medical conditions.
- g) Community partnerships will be encouraged in order to achieve a collaborative approach to health and well-being education, disease and harm-prevention, and intervention.

APPROVED: Regular Meeting of the Board

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Chair of the Board