

**The School Board of Leon County  
Bylaws & Policies**

Unless a specific policy has been amended and the date the policy was revised is noted at the bottom of that policy, the bylaws and policies of The School Board of Leon County were adopted on September 4, 2012, and were in effect beginning September 5, 2012.

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**5335 - CARE OF STUDENTS WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS**

Students with chronic health conditions will be provided with a free appropriate public education. If their impairment does not require specially designed instruction for them to benefit educationally, they will be eligible for accommodations/modifications/interventions of the regular classroom, curriculum, or activity (i.e. the school setting) as needed to provide the same access to an education as students without disabilities. Such accommodations/modifications/interventions may be provided pursuant to a Section 504 Plan (Form 2260.01 F13).

Chronic health conditions, for the purposes of this policy, may include but should not be limited to:

- A. life-threatening allergies;
- B. asthma;
- C. diabetes;
- D. cardiac disorders; and
- E. seizure disorders.

All information regarding student identification, health care management, and emergency care shall be safeguarded as personally identifiable information in accordance with Policy [8330](#) and Policy [8350](#).

The District will coordinate school health practices for management of a chronic health condition and shall provide for:

- A. identification of individuals with chronic health conditions;
- B. development of individual health care action plans;
- C. coordination of health care management activities by school staff;
- D. communication among school staff who interact with children with chronic health conditions;
- E. development of protocols to prevent exposure/episodic reactions;
- F. awareness and training of school staff regarding Board policy on acute and routine management of chronic health conditions, information on signs and treatment of chronic health conditions,

medication and administration, and emergency protocols for dealing with reactions in "unusual" situations such as field trips.

School health practices shall provide students with chronic health conditions the opportunity for:

- A. full participation in physical activities when students are well and as appropriate;
- B. modified activities as indicated by the student's health care action plan, 504 plan, Individualized Education Plan (IEP), or per health care provider;
- C. access to preventative medications before activity (as prescribed by their licensed physician, licensed physician assistant (PA), or advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) who has been delegated the authority to prescribe medicines by a supervising physician) and immediate access to emergency medications during activity;
- D. communication regarding student health status among parents, physicians, teachers (particularly physical education teachers), and coaches, and school/District administrators;

Health care management activities shall include:

- A. procedures to obtain, maintain, and utilize written health care action plans, signed by the child's parents and licensed physician, for each student with a chronic health condition annually or when health related concerns warrant an update;
- B. annual parental and health care provider authorization for administration of medications and treatments, in accordance with Policy 5330;
- C. a standard emergency protocol in place for students experiencing a distress reaction if they do not have a written health care action plan on site;
- D. established communication strategies for students to use to tell an adult they may be having a health-related problem;
- E. procedures for students to have immediate access to medications/treatments in accordance with Policy 5330 and AP 5330 that allow students to self-care and self-administer medications, inhalers, and Epi-pens, as prescribed and approved by a licensed physician and approved by parents/guardians;
- F. prevention strategies to avoid causal elements;
- G. case management for students with frequent school absences, school health office visits, emergency department visits, or hospitalizations due to chronic health conditions;
- H. management and care of the student's chronic health condition in the classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, or at any school-related activity or event.

Staff will be trained about chronic health conditions and their control in each school in which there is a student with a chronic health condition.

Designated staff who have responsibility for specialized services, such as giving inhaler treatments or injections, or conducting glucose and/or ketone tests, shall be provided training specific to the individual health plan, at least annually, by a licensed health professional.

The school nurse and Principal shall maintain a copy of the individual health plans and the records of training related to the chronic health conditions of students completed by school employees.

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