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School Health Nurse Program

- The program will be staffed by licensed health care professionals and others whose duties will be set forth in job descriptions to be prepared by the superintendent and approved by the board.
- The superintendent shall be responsible for developing other regulations which may be necessary, in combination with the job descriptions, to implement this program. These regulations shall comply with any and all rules implemented by the State Board of Education, the Department of Human Resources or any other state agency with jurisdiction or authority over any aspect of services to be provided or which may be provided to students under the above referenced code section.
- In developing job descriptions and regulations under this policy, the superintendent and staff may consult with health professionals knowledgeable in children's health issues to assist in establishing the standards and procedures for the program.
- All employees performing services under this policy shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in Official Code of Georgia § 20-2-773, specifically, none of the following health services shall be provided to public school students pursuant to this policy: (1) Distribution of contraceptives; (2) Performance of abortions; (3) Referrals for abortion; or (4) Dispensing of abortifacients.

Pediculosis (lice)

Pediculosis is the infestation of the hair, skin, or pubic area with adult lice, larvae, or nits (eggs).

Due to the possible and very probable epidemic infestation of pediculosis in the school environment anyone exhibiting pediculosis will be isolated immediately. A student with pediculosis will be advised to see his/her physician or public health nurse for treatment. When lice or nits are identified on a student in school, the student will be sent home for treatment. The student will not be allowed back into school until the parent/guardian presents evidence that all lice and nits have been removed from the student.

If head lice or nits are identified repeatedly and effective treatment is not obtained by the parent/guardian, a referral may be made to the Department of Family and Children's Services.

All other children in the classroom where lice or nits have been reported will be checked and given a letter to take home explaining the situation and the need for parents to inspect their children carefully. Any child who is suspected of having lice will be treated with the utmost discretion.

Principals are responsible for communicating to parents any necessary procedures concerning infestation in their schools.

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