



Responsible Office: Office of Accountability & School Performance
Office of Student Support Services

BOARD POLICY 5038
STUDENT HEALTH, WELFARE AND RIGHTS

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees believes that in order for all students to benefit from educational opportunities, all students need to be healthy, both physically and mentally. The Board of Trustees recognizes that parents and schools share responsibility for each student's health and welfare and recognize parents' rights in this area. The schools will provide a safe physical environment; provide reasonable accommodations, where necessary; promote student wellness and health; and provide nursing and counseling services for all students while maintaining strict confidentiality standards. For those families who need basic support, counselors, school nurses, teachers, administrators and/or family advocates will assist the parents and/or guardians in making necessary contacts to secure appropriate services.

POLICY

1. Health and Welfare of Students:
 - a. Rules and procedures shall be developed and implemented to promote student health and welfare.
 - b. The District will follow the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) when releasing student health records.
2. Objection to Examination:
 - a. In accordance with state law, a written request from a parent or guardian asking that a child be exempt from a physical examination must be honored. Teachers or principals receiving such a request shall give it to the school nurse so that the request may be honored.

3. Reasonable Accommodations Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973:
 - a. It is the intent of the Washoe County School District to ensure that students who may have a disability, according to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services.
 - b. Students may be defined as having a disability under Section 504 even though they are not eligible for services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
4. Americans with Disabilities Act
 - a. The Washoe County School District is committed to providing equal access to its programs, activities, events and facilities and will not discriminate against any individual regardless of that individual's disabilities.
 - i. Individuals who, because of the nature of their disability, require the assistance of a "service animal" shall not be denied access to access WCSD programs, activities, events and facilities.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. This policy reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan, Envision WCSD 2015 – Investing in Our Future:
 - a. Goal 4, Value and Strengthen a Positive, Self-Renewing Culture
 - i. Objective 4.1., Ensure Safe and Orderly Schools...
2. This policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 388, System of Public Instruction, and specifically:
 - a. NRS 388.829, "Program of distance education" defined.
3. This policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 392, Pupils, and specifically:
 - a. NRS 392.050, Attendance excused for physical or medical condition; excused child with disability qualifies for free appropriate public education.
 - b. NRS 392.070, Attendance excused for children in private school or homeschool; participation of private school children and homeschooled children in classes and extracurricular activities.

4. This policy complies with 29 USC 794, Nondiscrimination under Federal grants and programs.
5. This policy complies with the Family Education Right to Privacy Act (FERPA).
6. The policy complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).
7. This policy complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II Regulations as amended in 2010, 29 C.F.R. Part 35.
8. The following Administrative Regulations and Administrative Procedures outline the process(s) the District will follow related to the Health and Welfare of Students:
 - a. Administrative Procedure HEA-P007, Health and Welfare
 - b. Administrative Procedure ACCT-P108, Confidentiality of Health and Welfare Information
9. The following Administrative Regulations and Administrative Procedures outline the process(s) the District will follow related to Objection to Examination:
 - a. Administrative Procedure HEA-P008, Objection to Physical Examination
10. The following Administrative Regulations and Administrative Procedures outline the process(s) the District will follow related to Reasonable Accommodations:
 - a. Administrative Procedure ACCT-P112, Reasonable Accommodations Pursuant To 504 Rehabilitation Act Of 1973
 - b. Administrative Procedure SUP-P007, Service Animals Procedure

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
2/18/2009	1.0	Adopted
6/28/2011	2.0	Pursuant to change in federal law, <i>Policy</i> No. 4(a) was revised regarding service animals