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HEALTH CARE NEEDS AND SUPPORT POLICY

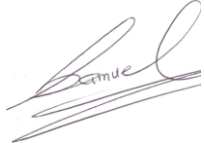
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Purpose

To ensure that EDUQUEST COLLEGE provides appropriate support to students with health care needs.

Objective

To explain to EDUQUEST COLLEGE's parents, guardians, staff and students the processes and procedures in place to support students with health care needs at school.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- all staff, including casual relief staff and volunteers
- all students who have been diagnosed with a health care need that may require support, monitoring or medication at school.

Policy

This policy should be read with EDUQUEST COLLEGE's *First Aid Policy*

Student Health Support Planning

In order to provide appropriate support to students at EDUQUEST COLLEGE who may need medical care or assistance, a Student Health Support Plan will be prepared by the First Aid Officer and appropriate Assistant Principal in consultation with the student, their parents, guardians and medical practitioners.

Student Health Support plans help our school to assist students with:

- routine health care support needs, such as supervision or provision of medication
- personal care support needs, such as assistance with personal hygiene, continence care, eating and drinking, transfers and positioning, and use of health-related equipment
- emergency care needs, such as predictable emergency first aid associated needs.

At enrolment or when a health care need is identified, parents/guardians should provide accurate information about the student's condition or health care needs, ideally documented by the student's treating medical/health care practitioner on a Medical Advice Form (or relevant equivalent)

EDUQUEST COLLEGE may invite parents and guardians to attend a Student Support Group meeting to discuss the contents of a student's Health Support Plan and assistance that the student may need at school or during school activities.

Where necessary, EDUQUEST COLLEGE may also request consent from parents and guardians to consult with a student's medical practitioner(s), to assist in preparing the plan and ensure that appropriate staff understand the student's needs. Consultation with the student's medical practitioner will not occur without parent/guardian consent unless required or authorised by law.

Student Health Support Plans will be reviewed:

- when updated information is received from the student's medical practitioner
- when the school, student or parents and guardians have concerns with the support being provided to the student
- if there are changes to the support being provided to the student, or

Management of Confidential Medical Information

Confidential medical information provided to EDUQUEST COLLEGE to support a student will be:

- recorded on the student's file
- shared with all relevant staff so that they are able to properly support students diagnosed with medical conditions, and respond appropriately if necessary.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website www.eduquestcollege.co.za
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request