

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

TITLE: MEDICAL EXCLUSIONS
CATEGORY: HEALTH AND SAFETY
NUMBER: 3150

I. Rationale:

Our goal is that all of our students and staff will thrive in safe and healthy schools. In accordance with the *School Act*, Section 91, it may be necessary, under extremely specific conditions, to medically exclude a student from attendance at school. The decision to medically exclude a student should only come as a final culmination after other adaptations, modifications and interventions have proven to be ineffective and the health condition of the child endangers the health or welfare of the students of a school or the employees of the board.

II. Process to Medically Exclude:

A. The principal shall arrange a meeting to discuss the proposed exclusion of students under Section 91 with the Director of Instruction for Student Support Services and the Chief Medical Officer.

B. If the exclusion is deemed an appropriate action as a result of the aforementioned meeting, the principal shall notify the parents or guardians in writing that they are suspending the student under Section 91 and has informed the Chief Medical Officer. This letter shall be sent by double registered mail, or courier if necessary, and copied to the Director of Instruction for Student Support Services and the Chief Medical Officer. As per Regulation 1320 (Student Suspensions), the Superintendent shall also be informed of a suspension in writing. The exclusion shall be noted on the student's permanent record card.

C. The Chief Medical Officer shall inform the parent, in writing, that the student may not return to school until they have been assessed by appropriate professionals, (e.g. psychologist, psychiatrist, M.D.), treatment has been initiated and/or completed, and a written report with specific recommendations has been provided to the Chief Medical Officer. Copies of the Chief Medical Officer's letter to the parent shall be sent to the principal and the Director of Instruction for Student Support Services.

D. An educational program shall be made available as required by the School Act.

E. If appropriate, the student's well-being shall be discussed with representatives of community agencies (e.g. Mental Health/Ministry of Children and Family Development) and the Chief Medical Officer to ensure that responsibilities for follow-up are clearly designated.

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- F. The student's status shall be reviewed every month by the principal until the student returns to school or is placed for treatment.
- G. The principal shall inform the Director of Instruction for Student Support Services of the results of the review.
- H. The Chief Medical Officer shall send a certificate to the principal and the Director of Instruction for Student Support Services, lifting the exclusion once they have received the written report referred to in II.C and are satisfied that the student is no longer considered to be a danger to the health or welfare of students and staff. Copies of this certificate shall be sent to the parent/guardian.
- I. The student shall be placed in an appropriate setting as determined by the principal, the Director of Instruction for Student Support Services and the Chief Medical Officer.
- J. A checklist of these actions shall be maintained by the principal.
- K. A periodic follow-up of the student's well-being shall be conducted by the principal in consultation with School-Based Team.

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References: *School Act, s91*