

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

Background

Under the *School Act*, the District is required to make provisions for school health services, in accordance with any orders made by the Minister of Health. The District works in collaboration with Vancouver Coastal Health.

Procedures

1. School Medical Officer

- 1.1. To provide for the health of students, the Minister of Health shall appoint medical health officer(s) as the school medical officer(s) for a District. The school medical officer(s) has the primary responsibility for school health services. The school medical officer(s) is charged by law to “examine or cause examinations to be made as to the general health of students of the schools in the District,” and is responsible for ensuring the District’s school buildings do not put the health or safety of students at risk. The school medical officer(s) is also responsible for communicable disease control, reviews exclusions of students for medical reasons, and may require an employee or contractor to undergo an examination to ensure their physical, mental, or emotional health does not endanger the health and welfare of students.

2. School Health Program

- 2.1. The Superintendent and the Medical Health Officer(s) of Vancouver Coastal Health will review annually and establish by the end of June the appropriate Community Health Nurse staffing levels for the next school year. On an individual school level, each community health nurse will plan with the Principal and staff for the school’s health needs and initiatives.

Reference: Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 20, 22, 23, 65, 74.1, 75, 75.1, 85, 88, 89, 91 School Act
Family Relations Act
Infants Act
Health Act

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