



**Policy: 9.22**

**SUBJECT:                    SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS**

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## **1.0    Policy**

Parents have primary responsibility for the health and welfare of their children. The Detroit school system has the responsibility for the education of students whose adjustment depends on the status of their health and welfare. The health department of the City of Detroit has the responsibility for promoting and maintaining health within the community.

Students' maximum educational potential can be achieved only when they are in a state of optimum health. When students and parents have knowledge and understanding of total health needs and are prepared and motivated to implement this knowledge and understanding, optimum health is possible.

The Detroit Public Schools and the city's health department share responsibilities for promoting and maintaining a school health program that will assist students and parents in building and maintaining the highest possible level of health.

School health workers, employed by the district, will be responsible for implementing health services in the schools and will act as liaison between the school, teacher, parent, public health nurse, and community.

Health policies to be observed in all schools will include:

1.     There must be on file for every student, current information on how to contact parents or legal guardians in event of an emergency.
2.     Every classroom teacher is expected to observe students daily and report to the school health worker deviations in appearance or behavior that indicate a possible health problem or need.
3.     Parents will receive reports of health deviations identified through observations, screenings, or health appraisals.

4. Every student will have on file a current health record. Every diagnosed condition coming to the attention of the school must be part of the health record.
5. Each school must have at least one currently certified first-aider in the building at all times during school hours.
6. At the beginning of each school year, a teacher will be made aware by the school health worker of any student having a diagnosed chronic medical condition which may result in an episode during school hours.

**Attachments to Policy 9.22:** None

**Legal References:** MCLA § 380.1178  
MCLA § 333.9101  
20 USC § 1232g  
PL 104-191  
45 CFR §§ 106.101 *et seq.*  
45 CFR §§ 164.102 *et seq.*

**Labor Contract References:** None