



Department of
Education

Student Health Care in Public Schools Policy

Effective date: 1 January 2015

Version: 3.6

Accurate at the time of printing 09/09/2021.

Table of contents

1. Policy statement	3
2. Policy rules	3
3. Responsibility for Implementation and Compliance	3
4. Scope	3
5. Supporting Procedures	3
6. Definitions	4
7. Related documents	5
8. Contact information	6
9. History of changes	6
10. More information	8
Policy review date	8
Policy last updated	8

1. Policy statement

The Department of Education promotes student health, supports student health care needs, and identifies and minimises health risks within the context of the schools' resources, and the assistance available from specialist services.

2. Policy rules

Principals will, in accordance with the Student Health Care in Public Schools Procedures:

- obtain information from parents about their child's health care needs;
- respond to the health care needs of students;
- develop plans for medical emergencies; and
- develop and implement school procedures and practices to manage specific health issues.

3. Responsibility for Implementation and Compliance

Principals are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Compliance monitoring is the responsibility of line managers.

4. Scope

This policy applies to all principals in public schools.

5. Supporting Procedures

[Student Health Care in Public Schools Procedures](#)

6. Definitions

Health care plan

Specifies the support required to cater for a student's health care needs while in the care of the school. If required, health care plans incorporate an emergency response plan.

Independent minor

Students under 18 years of age, living independently whom the principal determines to be an independent minor (under Regulation 147 of the School Education Regulations 2000), may sign their own consent forms.

Parent

In relation to a child, means a person who at law has responsibility for the long-term care, welfare and development of the child; or the day-to-day care, welfare and development of the child.

Student health care summary

Provides an overview of a student's health needs/conditions, planning requirements and emergency contact details.

Teaching staff

Persons appointed by the Director General pursuant to section 236(2) of the School Education Act 1999 and consisting of the following classes:

- school administrators (principals and those as listed in regulation 127 of the School Education Regulations 2000);
- teachers other than school administrators; and
- any other class as prescribed in Regulation 127A of the School Education Regulations 2000.

7. Related documents

Relevant legislation or authority

[Age of Majority Act 1972 \(WA\)](#)

[Children and Community Services Act 2004 \(WA\)](#)

[Disability Discrimination Act 1992 \(Cth\)](#)

[Disability Standards for Education 2005](#)

[Equal Opportunity Act 1984 \(WA\)](#)

[Health Act 1911 \(WA\)](#)

[Medicines and Poisons Act 2014 \(WA\)](#)

[Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016 \(WA\)](#)

[Privacy Act 1988 \(Cth\)](#)

[Public Sector Management Act 1994 \(WA\)](#)

[School Education Act 1999 \(WA\)](#)

[School Education Regulations 2000 \(WA\)](#)

[State Records Act 2000 \(WA\)](#)

Related Department policies

[Duty of Care for Public School Students](#)

[Incident Management on Department of Education Sites](#)

[Enrolment in Public Schools](#)

[Occupational Safety and Health](#)

[Records Management](#)

[Risk and Business Continuity Management](#)

Other documents

[Provide first aid in the workplace \(staff only\)](#)

[Plan for workplace first aid \(staff only\)](#)

[Alternatives to full time schooling](#)

[Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education and the Department of Health for the delivery of School Health Services \(staff only\)](#)

[Records management \(staff only\)](#)

[Working with Youth: A Legal Resource for Community Based Health Workers](#)

8. Contact information

Policy manager:

Student Support Services

T: (08) 9402 6100

Policy contact officer:

Principal Consultant, Student Wellbeing

T: (08) 9402 6133

9. History of changes

Effective date	1 January 2015
Last update date Policy version no.	3.0
Notes	Major review undertaken, Student Health Care Policy and Procedures endorsed by Director General on 19 September 2014.

Effective date	1 January 2015
Last update date	22 February 2016
Policy version no.	3.1
Notes	Updated contact information D16/0154847

Effective date	1 January 2015
Last update date	1 August 2017
Policy version no.	3.3
Notes	Updated broken links D17/0329162

Effective date	1 January 2015
Last update date	21 February 2018
Policy version no.	3.4
Notes	Updated contact information D18/0075906

Effective date	1 January 2015
Last update date	29 August 2018
Policy version no.	3.5
Notes	Minor changes to include reference to Public Schools D18/0151652 and updated legislation links D18/0207680.

Effective date	1 January 2015
Last update date	9 February 2021
Policy version no.	3.6
Notes	Minor changes to Broken Links, Titles of Forms, Legislation Titles and Contact Details.D21/0062242

10. More information

Supporting content

Procedure

[Student Health Care in Public Schools Procedures](#)

Policy review date

1 January 2018

Policy last updated

9 February 2021
