

POLICY: 503.5

STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Students with special health care needs and/or physical disabilities will, through careful review and input received from students, families, and school personnel, have a written plan to address those needs. The team approach will result in a summary of specific health information, goals, and school action(s) for the students. These students require an individualized health care plan in order to attend school. Such students are: (a) those whose medical condition is unstable and/or may require emergency medical procedures; (b) those who require the administration of specific procedures during the school day; and (c) those who need a particular medical device due to the loss of a body function and need a plan to deter life-threatening or further disability concerns.

Assessment, planning, and identifying necessary services are critical if such students are to regularly attend and participate in school. The students may have their needs addressed in the general education setting or may require special education programming and related services.

When administration of a medication requires ongoing professional health judgement, an individual health plan shall be developed by the school nurse with assistance by the student and/or student's family.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20
U.S.C. Sections 1400 et seq and regulations thereunder, 504,
Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and regulations thereunder.
Chapter 281, Iowa Code and regulations thereunder.

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