



POLICY – PO800

Health Support Services in School Settings

Area: Student Services
Source: Superintendent of Education – Student Services

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1. Introduction

The Durham Catholic District School Board recognizes its responsibility to provide opportunities for all students, including students with physical, spiritual and mental health support needs, to have successes that are rooted in the faith traditions, beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church.

2. Definitions

Nil

3. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to develop a framework for implementing the associated administrative procedure to support system leaders and students, and to ensure students receive health supports as outlined in Policy/Program Memorandum 81: Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings (PPM 81).

4. Application / Scope

This policy applies to all schools and students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12.

5. Principles

5.1 The Board believes that:

5.1.1 working in partnership with community health services supports the principles of the Catholic Graduate Expectations;

- 5.1.2 the promotion of the physical, spiritual and mental health of students is crucial to student success and building relationships between home, school and the parish community.

6. Requirements

- 6.1 The Board will ensure that annual planning and consultation processes are in place to review the needs of students requiring Health Support Services and to determine any updates or training necessary to support them effectively.
- 6.2 Principals and staff will familiarize themselves with PPM81, the current referral processes and forms, and any related procedures outlined in the associated administrative procedure (AP800-1).
- 6.3 No student shall be denied access to education due to health support needs as outlined in PPM 81.
- 6.4 Health support services will be provided in a manner that protects the student's dignity, privacy, cultural needs, and safety.
- 6.5 The Board will ensure that staff receive appropriate training and direction, when required, to support students with health support needs.
- 6.6 The Board will comply with all applicable legislation including PPM 81, the Education Act, the Regulated Health Professionals Act (RHPA), and Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA) when supporting students with health support needs.
- 6.7 The Board will work collaboratively with Ontario Health/Home and Community Care Support Services and other health providers in accordance with PPM 81.

7. Sources

- 7.1 [Policy Program Memorandum 81: Model for Provision of School Health Support Services](#)

8. Related Policies and Administrative Procedures

- 8.1 [Health Support Services in School Settings \(AP800-1\)](#)