

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: July 13, 2010

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5420 – HEALTH SERVICES**

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 5420. This is the first reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 5420

**Policy Analysis for
Board of Education Policy 5420
Health Services**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

Board of Education Policy 5420 was last revised in 1984. The policy is being revised to reflect the current program activities.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the revision of this policy.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Board of Education Policy 5470, *Wellness*

Legal Requirements

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-401, School Health Program

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-402, Physical Examinations

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-403, Immunizations

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-404, Hearing and Vision Screening Tests

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-421, Use of Asthma Drugs and Related Medication

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-425, Automated External Defibrillator Programs

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-426, Guidelines for Student Emergency Medical Care

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-426, Children with Anaphylactic Allergies

COMAR 13A.05.05.05-15, *School Health Services Standards*

COMAR 13A.10.06.01, *Communicable Diseases*

COMAR 13A.10.06.04, *Immunizations*

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education Policy 904, *Healthful School Environment*,
2. Anne Arundel County Board of Education Policy 904.03, *Administering Medicines to Students*
3. Anne Arundel County Board of Education Policy 904.06, *Immunization Requirements for Students*
4. Carroll County Board of Education Policy EFE, *Comprehensive School Health Program*
5. Carroll County Board of Education Policy EA, *Communicable Disease*
6. Carroll County Board of Education Policy JLCE, *First Aid and Health Care*
7. Harford County Board of Education Policy 02-0024, *Immunization Requirements to Attend School*
8. Harford County Board of Education Policy 02-0025, *Physical Examination*
9. Harford County Board of Education Policy 08-0003, *Communicable Diseases, Infestations and Other Health Emergencies*

10. Harford County Board of Education Policy 20-0037, *School Wellness*
11. Howard County Board of Education Policy 5100, *School Health Services*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Timelines:

First reading: July 13, 2010

Public Comment: August 10, 2010

Third reading: September 7, 2010

STUDENTS: Services to Students

Health Services

[The primary objective of the health services program is to strengthen the educational process for children and youth by assisting them to improve or adapt to their health status. Based on the growth and developmental process of children, school health personnel, interacting with students, parents, teachers, and health care providers in the community, promote positive health practices that enhance students' abilities to cope with personal and social changes.

The professional school nurse functions as coordinator of this program in the local school. Within the framework of an educational institution, the nurse focuses upon the goals of promoting health for the total school community.

The objectives of the health services program are realized through a continuous appraisal and referral program, nursing assessment, health counseling, and health education. The program helps to assure that all children are able to obtain maximum benefit from their educational experience regardless of the presence of a remedial physical or emotional problem or disorder

Also see policy and rule, "Students Records," in this series.
Also see handbook, Pupil Services Procedures.]

I. PHILOSOPHY

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' (BCPS) HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM SUPPORTS ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS. THE HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM PROVIDES SERVICES AND EDUCATION TO ADDRESS ACUTE AND CHRONIC HEALTH CONCERNS AND PROMOTES A HEALTHY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. THE PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED BY BCPS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

A REGISTERED NURSE SHALL SERVE AS THE SCHOOL NURSE AND OVERSEE THE HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM IN EACH SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL NURSE PROVIDES SERVICES AND EDUCATION TO ENSURE A SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS. THE SCHOOL NURSE ADDRESSES HEALTH CONCERNS THAT IMPACT STUDENT ATTENDANCE, CLASSROOM ACHIEVEMENT, AND GRADUATION.

RELATED POLICY: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5470, *WELLNESS*

Legal ReferenceS: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-401, *School Health Program*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-402, *PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-403, *IMMUNIZATIONS*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-404, *HEARING AND VISIONS SCREENING TESTS*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-421, *USE OF ASTHMA DRUGS AND RELATED MEDICATION*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-425, *AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMS*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-426, *GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-426, *CHILDREN WITH ANAPHYLACTIC ALLERGIES*
COMAR 13A.05.05.05-15, *SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES STANDARDS*
COMAR 13A.10.06.01, *COMMUNICABLE DISEASES*
COMAR 13A.10.06.04, *IMMUNIZATIONS*

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