



## **STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

In the interest of health and safety, the Canadian Reformed School Society supports programs and procedures from Kindergarten to Grade 12 that will promote the personal welfare, health and adequate care and supervision of the student.

### **I. Student Health and Immunization Certificate**

Coaldale Christian School as well as all students are expected to co-operate with government health authorities (eg. Alberta Health Services) to promote the health and welfare of the students. Though Coaldale Christian School is required to work in collaboration with Alberta Health Services please note this does not indicate that all methods and materials are promoted by CCS. Parents/members must exercise discretion with all services and materials distributed by Alberta Health Services.

### **II. Exclusion for Communicable Diseases**

The Principal shall exclude from school any pupil affected by or exposed to or suspected of being affected by or exposed to an infectious disease (eg. SARS, Measles) in accordance with the Public Health Communicable Diseases Regulations until:

- a. He is supplied with a written statement of a physician or the local health authority that the contagious or infectious disease does not exist, or that all danger from exposure is ended, or
- b. He is satisfied, where no physician or representative of the local health authority is available, that the proper period of isolation has elapsed and the pupil has apparently completely recovered or that all danger from exposure is apparently ended.
- c. The school shall obtain and communicate current and authoritative medical information for the purposes of educating and protecting its staff and students.

### **III. Illness or Injury at School**

#### **A. First Aid**

- Each school will provide trained first aiders and first aid kits to meet or exceed the requirements of the Alberta First Aid Regulations (May 2002).



- In addition to the requirements of the Alberta First Aid Regulations, each science laboratory and gym shall be equipped with a minimum of an Alberta #2 First Aid Kit with contents as specified in the Alberta First Aid Regulation.
- Employees are encouraged to take an accredited First Aid Course. The Board shall reimburse course fees to any employee who successfully completes such a course.
- When confronted with a situation of injury or sudden illness, the employees shall be expected to take the necessary steps to:
  1. sustain life
  2. prevent the worsening of the conditions
  3. promote recovery
- The employee shall report any injuries or illnesses of students to the principal or designate as soon as possible to ensure that the principal is provided with a written copy of the report.

## **B. Administration of Medicine and Drugs**

- Under normal circumstances, employees of the Board of Coaldale Christian School shall not administer any medicine or drugs to students or other employees.
- Where specifically requested by the parent, in writing, a principal or delegate will take the necessary steps and precautions to safeguard any medicines or drugs required by a particular student. Furthermore, if specifically requested in writing, the principal or delegate may supervise a student administering prescribed drugs to himself/herself or administer prescribed drugs pursuant to a doctor's instructions. Principals shall ensure that staff administering medication have appropriate training.

## **C. Transportation of Student - Due to Illness or Injury**

- a. If it becomes necessary, because of illness or injury, to transport a student to appropriate medical facilities, the following options should be considered:
  - Contact the parent or other family members to pick up the injured or ill child to provide the necessary transportation.
  - Use a private vehicle or division-owned vehicle to provide transportation.
- b. Where a private vehicle is used to provide transportation, school



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board insurance applies only beyond the limits of the individual driver's insurance.

- c. Where an ambulance is called, all associated costs shall be the responsibility of the injured party, his or her parents, and or family.

## **D. Accident Report**

Every injury must be reported to the School Principal in writing with a full account of the circumstances.