



STUDENT HEALTH –COMMON MEDICAL CONDITIONS

## Policy

For the purpose of this document, **Common Medical Conditions** include: anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and epilepsy.

The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) recognizes that the health of students is an essential precondition for learning. As such, the Board is committed to:

- Supporting students with common medical conditions to fully access school in a safe, accepting, and healthy learning environment that supports their well-being
- Empowering students, as confident and capable learners, to reach their full potential for self-management of their medical condition(s), according to their Plan of Care
- Supporting parents/guardians to feel confident that their child is safe at school and during school related activities, and has the same opportunities as other students to fully access the education system
- Creating a collaborative approach with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), principal, school staff and health care professionals, to ensure a full understanding of the common medical conditions, supports, clarity of roles and communication associated with the student's Plan of Care
- Establishing clear procedures and protocols in place to support students with common medical conditions and to guide a timely and effective response should medical intervention be required
- Ensuring that appropriate staff are familiar with the common medical conditions as outlined in the Plan of Care and are trained and confident in prevention strategies to minimize risks, recognize the symptoms of a medical emergency and know the steps to follow in dealing with a medical emergency

## References:

- *Administrative Procedure: Student Health – Common Medical Conditions*
- *British Columbia Anaphylactic and Child Safety Framework – September 2007*
- *Toolkit for Management of Medical Alerts in School Settings*
- *Anaphylaxis Protection Order*