
School and Student Health Services Rule 0520-01-13

The Background:

The State Board is tasked with promulgating rules and developing guidelines on numerous issues related to school and student health. The current requirements related to school health are spread across multiple rules and policies, including the Administration of Medication for Adrenal Insufficiency Rule. This item proposes to rename that rule as the School and Student Health Services Rule, which will combine requirements related to school and student health into one central rule. This will provide a clearer overview of requirements for school and district personnel to help ensure healthy school environments and provisions for students with specific health needs.

The requirements of the existing Administration of Medication for Adrenal Insufficiency rule have not changed; rather, they have been incorporated as a section of the proposed School and Student Health Services Rule.

A rulemaking hearing was conducted on this rule in between first and final reading, and no comments were received. While the current version of the rule does not explicitly address COVID-19, it does include language referencing a school district's ability to exclude students with communicable diseases and the Department of Health has released guidance to assist schools in developing specific response plans to COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic.

In order to align with statute, a slight clerical revision was made between first and final reading to make an LEA's local HIV/AIDS permissive rather than mandatory.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends approval of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.