

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

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INDIVIDUALIZED HEALTHCARE PLAN (IHP) GUIDELINES

It is the policy of the Clarksville Montgomery County School System to adhere to the position statement by the National Association of School Nurses regarding IHPs. The statement is as follows:

Students whose healthcare needs affect or have the potential to affect safe and optimal school attendance and academic performance require the Registered school nurse to write an individualized Healthcare Plan, in collaboration with the student, parents, educators, and healthcare providers.

The need for an IHP is based on required nursing care, not educational entitlement such as special education or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Registered school nurse must determine which students require an IHP, prioritizing those students whose healthcare needs affect their daily functioning or safety. These students may have multiple healthcare needs, require lengthy procedures or treatments, require routine or emergency contact with the school nurse or unlicensed assistive personnel during the school day, or require special healthcare services as part of their IEP or Section 504 plan.

1. Students with chronic ongoing health problems
 - a. Examples- asthma, diabetes, seizures.
 - b. Nursing management of chronic and ongoing health problems is provided in cooperation with parents and community health care providers.
 - c. IHP required
2. Students with psychological problems
 - a. Examples- drug abuse, physical/sexual abuse, and mental/emotional disorders including ADHD.
 - b. Crisis intervention and referral to community health care providers
 - c. IHP not required
3. Students with medically fragile conditions- one who, because of an accident, illness, congenital disorder, abuse or neglect, has been left in a stable condition, but is dependent on life sustaining medications, treatments, equipment, and has need for assistance with activities of daily living.
 - a. Examples- traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, transplant recipient, paralysis or limited mobility related to chronic disease.
 - b. IHP required

*It is the responsibility of the Registered School Nurse to implement and evaluate the IHP. If the school nurse is not a Registered Nurse, it is the responsibility of the District Registered Nurse to implement and evaluate the IHP.

Implementing Procedures: None

Associated Documents- Seizure IHP [HEA- F078](#)
Diabetes IHP [HEA- F042](#)
Asthma IHP [HEA- F036](#)
Individual Health Plan (IHP) [HEA-F115](#)

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3/14/16	A	Replaced "professional" with "registered" nurse. Last sentence added to last paragraph.
7/23/18	B	Added Individual Health Plan (HEA-F115) to associated documents.

***** End of Policy *****