

Bacanton Community Charter School

Student Health Policies

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Governing Board of Baconton Community Charter School adopts the following policy which shall be effective on the date that the policy is adopted by the Board.

SECTION 1. General Information.

SECTION 1.1. Baconton Community Charter School is committed to protecting students, staff, and visitors from the spread of communicable diseases which pose a substantial threat to the health or safety of the school community. The School further recognizes that a student infected with a communicable disease cannot be denied an education solely because of the infection.

SECTION 1.2. The Board, the applicable health department, and/or the Georgia Department of Human Resources has the authority to require immunizations or other preventive measures including quarantine, isolation, and segregation of persons with communicable disease or health conditions likely to endanger the health of others. These agencies may require quarantine or surveillance of carriers of disease and persons exposed to or suspected of being infected with infectious disease during such period until they are found free of the infectious agent or disease.

SECTION 2. Procedures.

SECTION 2.1. If there is reasonable cause to believe that a student or an employee has become infected with a communicable disease, the determination of a student's or an employee's condition shall be based upon reasonable medical judgment taking into consideration the nature of the risk (how the disease is transmitted); how long the carrier is infectious to others; and the probability that the disease will be transmitted and could cause harm to others.

SECTION 2.2. After consideration of the criteria set forth in Section 2.1, the infected student or employee shall be allowed to remain in the educational or employment setting unless he/she currently presents a significant risk of contagion as determined by an appropriate designated school administrator after consultation with the student's or employee's physician, public health official knowledgeable about the disease and/or a physician selected by the School. When deemed medically appropriate, a student or employee may be removed from the school for a period of time not to exceed ten (10) calendar days for the purpose of obtaining a reasonable medical judgment as to whether or not the student or employee's attendance at the School would pose a significant risk to others' health.

SECTION 2.3. After a determination of the student's or employee's medical condition has been made, the principal or other authorized school leader after consultation with the student's or employee's physician, a public health official knowledgeable about the disease, and/or the physician selected by the School shall determine whether

reasonable accommodation will allow the student to perform in the classroom or the employee to meet the essential functions of the job. An accommodation is reasonable unless it imposes either an undue financial hardship or administrative burden on the School.

SECTION 3. Protections.

SECTION 3.1. The School shall not disclose medical information about a student or an employee with human immunodeficiency virus or other communicable disease without the consent of the employee or the student or parent or guardian, whichever is applicable, or only as required by law or court order. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the school from notifying the parents or guardians of its students of the presence in a school of chicken pox or any other communicable disease as required or suggested by the applicable county or state health department.

SECTION 3.2. Baconton Community Charter School shall not deny an individual employment based solely upon the individual's infection with a communicable disease unless the School, after consultation with the applicant's physician, a public health official knowledgeable about the disease, and/or the physician selected by the School, determines that the communicable disease is of such nature or at a stage that the individual should not be in the regular school setting.

SECTION 3.3. The School shall not deny a student infected with a communicable disease an education solely because of the infection.

SECTION 4. Prevention.

SECTION 4.1. Baconton Community Charter School shall educate its employees and students about communicable diseases, including transmission, risk reduction, and universal precautions for handling blood and body fluids.

SECTION 4.2. All schools shall adopt routine procedures for handling blood and body fluids consistent with the Centers for Disease Control Universal Precautions for Handling Blood and Body Fluids.

MEDICINE

The Governing Board of Baconton Community Charter School adopts the following policy which shall be effective on that date that the policy is adopted by the Board.

SECTION 1. General Policy Provisions.

SECTION 1.1. If the charter school employs a school nurse, the nurse (or another employee designated by the principal or other authorized school leader) may provide assistance with medication (including prescription or over-the-counter medication) only if all of the following requirements are met:

SECTION 1.1.1. Prescription drugs must be in the original container, bear the name of the student, the name of the physician, and the name of the pharmacy filling the prescription. Over-the-counter drugs must be maintained in the original container.

SECTION 1.1.2. The appropriate approval form for medication must have been completed and signed by the parent or guardian for each medication.

SECTION 1.1.3. The school nurse or other designated employee shall keep a written report of medication taken by the student.

SECTION 1.2. The School reserves the right to refuse to administer certain types of medication (at the discretion of the school nurse or other employee authorized by the school principal or other authorized school leader) when such administration could prove harmful to staff or student without proper training or direction of a doctor.

INOCULATIONS

The Governing Board of Baconton Community Charter School adopts the following regulation which shall be effective on that date that the policy is adopted by the Board.

SECTION 1. General Policy Provisions.

SECTION 1.1. Students attending Baconton Community Charter School must meet the immunization requirements as prescribed by Georgia law.

SECTION 1.2. The Administrator of Baconton Community Charter School shall appoint an employee to establish procedures and maintain student records indicating compliance with Georgia law. Such records shall be made available to appropriate health department personnel for inspection.

SECTION 1.3. The appointed employee shall participate in training for the Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services (GRITS) as provided by the Department of Health for the purpose of meeting the requirements of law.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

The Governing Board of Baconton Community Charter School adopts the following regulation which shall be effective on that date that the policy is adopted by the Board.

SECTION 1. General Policy Provisions.

SECTION 1.1. Baconton Community Charter School shall make available to students appropriate health screenings such as scoliosis (a), hearing, vision and athletic participation physicals.. Such screenings may be provided by health department officials, medical personnel, or expert volunteers.

1.1a. Scoliosis Procedures

-Annually, the Mitchell County Health Department establishes a date to administer on-site screenings for students of two grades between the ages of 10 and 15.

-The Mitchell County Health Department provides opt-out forms that are sent home to parents by homeroom teachers, then returned to our school registrar once signed. Upon collection, they are given to the Mitchell County Health Department director.

-The screenings are administered by Mitchell County Health Department staff.

-Staff members notify parents if concerns arise from the screening.

SECTION 1.2 Permission requests shall be provided to parents or guardians of students in advance of screening.

SECTION 1.3 Results of screenings shall be made available to parents or guardians.

LICE

The Governing Board of Baconton Community Charter School adopts the following regulation which shall be effective on that date that the policy is adopted by the Board.

SECTION 1. General Policy Provision.

SECTION 1.1 Students attending Baconton Community Charter School must be free of lice. No nits may be present.

SECTION 2. Procedures.

SECTION 2.1. Should a student be found to have lice or nits present, a parent or guardian shall be notified immediately to pick up the student. The School may provide the parent or guardian with a copy of Head Lice Treatment Instructions or other appropriate information from a healthcare provider.

SECTION 2.2. Upon return to school, the student must present a letter of clearance provided by a physician or health department official.

DIABETES MEDICAL MANAGEMENT

The Governing Board of Baconton Community Charter School adopts the following regulation which shall be effective on that date that the policy is adopted by the Board.

SECTION 1. General Policy Provisions.

SECTION 1.1. Baconton Community Charter School shall provide appropriate services and accommodations to aid students in managing diabetes according to the student's medical management plan.

SECTION 1.2. At least two school employees shall be trained to assist in the administering students' diabetes management plans. Trained personnel shall be capable of performing the functions outlined in the diabetes medical management plans.