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POLICY TITLE

Illness or Injury of a Student

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to provide staff working in direct contact with students with expectations about the care of students following an injury or during an illness which occurs while at school, on school property, on a school excursion, or while participating in a co-curricular activity.

2.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board to ensure that a reasonable effort is made to administer immediate first aid, contact the student's parents/guardians and secure medical follow-up when a student is injured or ill at school, on school property, on a school excursion, or while participating in a co-curricular activity.

3.0 GUIDELINES

- 3.1 When a student becomes ill or sustains an injury at school, on school property, on a school excursion, or while participating in a co-curricular activity, the staff member in immediate contact with the student assumes a duty of care known as "in loco parentis" or in place of the parent. This duty of care may be transferred by the staff member in immediate contact with the student to the principal or designate once the principal or designate is present on site to assume this care. The student shall not be left unattended.
- 3.2 Every effort shall be made to contact the parent or guardian as quickly as possible. If necessary, the parent may be asked to come to the school or asked to meet the ambulance at the closest hospital.

- 3.3 Every reasonable attempt shall be made to administer immediate first aid with the understanding that the administration of first aid is a voluntary effort and cannot be mandated.
- 3.4 In the event of a medical emergency such as, but not limited to, a shortness of breath, a blockage of the airway, loss of blood, loss of consciousness, or a head injury, the school staff shall call 911 and secure ambulance transportation for the student to hospital.

4.0 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

4.1 HEAD INJURY

Head injuries are hidden. Swelling on the surface of the head occurs over time. This swelling is serious. Swelling within the brain cavity is even more serious. It is completely hidden from view and can only be seen by a CT Scan or MRI. Because the brain is in a confined cavity, there is no room for this swelling and brain injuries result. Some are minor brain injuries and, at its worst, this will lead to coma and/or death.

5.0 REFERENCES/RELATED DOCUMENTS

Education Amendment Act (Concussions), 2012

6.0 RELATED POLICIES

Policy 401, Administration of Medical Procedures or Health Support Services and Emergency Response
Policy 403, Emergency Management and Business Continuity Program
Policy 404, Anaphylaxis: Reducing the Risks
Policy 1005, Bus Accidents and Resulting Injuries

7.0 RELATED FORMS

Health 1, Health Log Sheet (Appendix A)

8.0 APPROVED BY BOARD

January 22, 2013

9.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

January 22, 2013

10.0 POLICY REVIEW DATE

January 2018

11.0 REVIEW BY

Student Success Services