



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TO: Roger Breed, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: MARGARET WORTH, GENERAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: POLICY REVIEW INFORMATION ITEM

Proposed Board Action:

STATE BOARD POLICY, G21, "Policy for Coordinated School Health."

Background Information:

Pursuant to the four-year review schedule implemented by the State Board's Policy Committee, State Board Policy G21 is submitted for review.
Pursuant to Bylaws B8 and B5, this policy may be revised, rescinded or referred to the State Board Policy Committee for review. If the Committee, the Board President or any Board member believes that action is necessary in connection with this Policy, an appropriate motion may be placed on the Agenda for a future Board meeting.
G21 will expire 03/02/2014.

Estimated Cost:

N/A

Supporting Documentation Included:

State Board Policy Statement G21, "Policy for Coordinated School Health."

For Additional Information on this item:

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Nebraska State Board of Education Policy for Coordinated School Health

The Nebraska State Board of Education believes that education and health are inextricable intertwined. Healthy children learn better; children must be healthy mentally, physically, and socially. To achieve maximum success schools, families and communities must work together. A coordinated school health approach, designed to coordinate services and emphasize partnerships, will promote the physical, social, and cognitive development of children leading to increased academic success.

Preventable health risk behaviors formed in childhood persist into adulthood and are frequently interrelated. The Nebraska State Board of Education believes that the education system, in partnership with families and communities, should work together to address these health risk behaviors which, if left unattended, can lead to serious health problems and disabilities that are costly on families and the entire state of Nebraska.

The Board believes coordinated school health positively impacts student academic achievement and empowers students with knowledge, skills, and judgment essential to help them make healthy and responsible choices in life. The Board, therefore, encourages each Nebraska school district/building to adopt its own vision for student health and to plan, adopt, implement, evaluate, and periodically re-examine the effectiveness of coordinated school health within their district/school.

The Board encourages the following:

- I. **Each school district/school develop, adopt, and implement a comprehensive plan for coordinated school health based on the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention model for coordinated school health. Components of coordinated school health should include, but not be limited to, health education; physical education; nutrition services; health services; healthy school environment; school counseling, psychological, and social services; staff health and wellness; and family and community involvement.**
- II. **Each school district establish a School Health Council and each school building establish a School Healthy Team that meets four times a year. In the alternative, a district may assign these activities to existing councils, committees or teams.**
- III. **Each district/school designate a School Health Coordinator to assist with implementing and evaluating coordinated school health.**

Board Action History

- Policy statement adopted 3/2/2010

Cross-References

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