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| **Germantown Municipal School District** | | | |
| Monitoring:  **Review: Annually, in October** | Descriptor Term:  **Student Health Screenings/Evaluations** | Descriptor Code:  **6.418** | Issued Date:  **09/15/14** |
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Students shall be provided access to comprehensive District preventive, early intervention, and health referral services to address potential health problems that may adversely affect their health status and learning potential. Site services shall be inclusive of (1) Vision and Hearing; (2) Body Mass Index (BMI) and Blood Pressure; and (3) Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT).

**A**. **Healthcare Service**

Preventive and early intervention health services aimed at preventing and screening for health conditions shall be available to students of Germantown Municipal School District. Services shall be conducted by qualified healthcare providers contracted and/or working in collaboration with the district.

**Healthcare Monitoring**

Students entering grades Pre-K, K, 2, 4, 6, 8, Lifetime Wellness coursesand students entering the District from another district will be asked to provide evidence of completion of EPSDT or preventive well-child screening. Evidence of screening shall consist of a report from a qualified healthcare provider within the past 12 months. No student shall be excluded from school for failure to provide documentation of completion of or refusal to submit to an EPSDT screening. If evidence of a screening is not available, the District shall make provisions for a screening during the applicable school year upon request by the parent, guardian, or custodian.

**Health Referral Service**

The results of vision and hearing; BMI and blood Pressure; and EPSDT (including medical, dental, and mental/behavioral health) screening shall be provided by the healthcare provider to parents. A referral to a follow-up evaluation with healthcare provider shall be provided to parents whose child's test results indicate a possible condition that may interfere or tend to interfere with the student’s academic progress.

**B. Confidentially**

An employee of Germantown Municipal School District shall safeguard student medical information from unauthorized disclosure except as permissible by law or as required function to perform his/her job responsibilities; and/or in a case where a student poses an imminent threat of harm to him/herself or others. An employee who missuses, altars, removes, or improperly uses confidential student medication information shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Volunteers whose volunteer activity may place them in a position where they may gain knowledge of student’s healthcare information as well as other entities contracted by and/or working in collaboration with the District to provide healthcare services shall be held to the same professional standards as an employee of Germantown Municipal School District. Sanctions for breach of confidentiality may apply.

**C. Accurate Medical Information**

1. Parents/guardians are responsible for informing school personnel of significant medical conditions which may lead to emergency situations or which may require some modification in curriculum or school activities.
2. Medical information will be requested by Germantown Municipal School District and completed by the parent/guardian each school year.
3. The Principal shall ensure that any/all information concerning the medical conditions of the students are identified by:
   1. Directing a systematic review of all registration forms and medical documentation.
   2. Mandating that information (suspected or confirmed) received by staff/faculty member be reported to the Principal; and
   3. Encouraging parents/guardians to alert the Principal of any medical condition.

**D. Validation of Medical Conditions**

1. The parent/guardian for each student identified as having a medical condition (or possible medical condition) shall be contacted by school administration/designee for the purpose of clarifying the extent of the medical condition.
2. A statement from a healthcare provider should be provided by the parent in those cases in which the medical condition appears to warrant:
   1. A modification in the standard curriculum or school related activities;
   2. The need to supervise and or administer medication during the school day; or
   3. A special alert for school personnel regarding a possible requirement for emergency first aid.