

D. WELFARE

2. Health Services

.1 Health Records

The Connecticut state-mandated Cumulative Health Record (CHR-1) serves as the official student health record within Connecticut schools and as such is recognized as a legal document. It provides a systematic way to organize the collection of health information and document health services provided to an individual student.

Cumulative health records shall be maintained for all students, listing all screening results, immunizations and pertinent information, i.e., allergies, special needs, medical history, etc.

Cumulative health records shall be maintained in designated locked file cabinets located in the health room.

Documentation on the cumulative health record is the responsibility of the school health personnel.

.1a Emergency Cards

Emergency cards shall be maintained for all students, listing names, addresses and telephone numbers of the parents/guardians and emergency contacts in the event the parent/guardian cannot be reached.

Emergency cards shall be updated at the beginning of each school year and as changes occur.

Each student's emergency card shall be maintained in the health room.

.10 Food Allergy Management Plan and Guidelines

The Meriden Public Schools recognizes that food allergies may be life-threatening. For this reason, the district is committed to developing strategies and practices to minimize the risk of accidental exposure to life-threatening food allergens and to ensure prompt and effective medical response should a student suffer an allergic reaction while at school. The district further recognizes the importance of collaborating with parents and appropriate medical staff in developing such practices and encourages strategies to enable the student to become increasingly proactive in the care and management of his/her food allergy, as developmentally appropriate. To this end, the Meriden Public Schools adopt the following guidelines related to the management of life threatening food allergies for students enrolled in district schools.