

CONNECT CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY

Policy Title: **Student Health and Safety**

Policy No. **6.04**

RATIONALE: The Connect Charter School Board recognizes that student health and safety is of paramount importance. All members of the school community share responsibility for fostering a safe and healthy learning environment that respects and celebrates diversity and inclusion.

POLICY: The Board of Connect Charter School recognizes that all members of the school community deserve a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging.

PRINCIPLES:

1. The physical and emotional health and safety of all students is a primary consideration for all activities within the jurisdiction of the school.
2. All staff members play a critical role in the proactive identification and mitigation of student health and safety issues.
3. The teaching and administrative staff of Connect Charter School will provide opportunities for students to advocate for, establish or access peer support groups or organize activities, including but not limited to gay-straight alliances (GSAs) and queer-straight alliances (QSAs), diversity clubs, anti-racism clubs and anti-bullying clubs.
4. Staff rely on parents or guardians to provide timely, accurate and relevant information to the school regarding student concerns that may impact their child's health, safety and educational well-being.
5. Grade specific health curricula will be used by teachers as a framework to support students in proactively identifying and making healthy and safe choices.
6. All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that equipment and buildings are maintained to minimize risk of injury to students.

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PROCEDURES – see appendix 3

Appendix 3 details the school's Student Health and Safety procedures in the following areas:

- A. Disclosure of Health and Medical Information**
- B. Administration of Medication**
- C. Medical and Health Related Emergencies**
- D. Allergies and Other Medical Conditions**
- E. First Aid Training**
- F. Safe, Caring and Inclusive Community**
- G. Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention**
- H. Substance Abuse**
- I. Child Abuse and Neglect**
- J. Child Custody**