

POLICY: HEALTH SERVICES

J PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY

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I. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the J Paul Taylor Academy Health Services program is to promote optimal health for the school community to increase opportunities for learning.

II. BACKGROUND

J Paul Taylor Academy believes providing all students with health services is an essential part of student learning, and is part of the school's commitment to the whole child.

The Governing Council supports the Healthier Schools New Mexico coordinated school health program, which provides a programmatic framework for linking health and education. The Council believes the health of all J Paul Taylor Academy students is the responsibility of all staff, in collaboration with parents and the community.

III. POSITION

A. In support of the New Mexico Coordinated School Health Program, the J Paul Taylor Academy Health Services Department shall be responsible for assessing the health of all students, and shall promote optimal health for the school community by serving as direct health care providers, advocates, liaisons and educators using a holistic approach to maximize student learning.

B. An appropriate number of professional staff shall be provided with adequate facilities and training to meet the health needs of students and staff.

C. In collaboration with the School Health Advisory Council (see J Paul Taylor Academy Wellness Policy), the Health Services Department staff shall develop, implement, monitor and update the local program so that it is consistent with the Healthier Schools New Mexico philosophy and practice as outlined in the New Mexico Department of Health New Mexico School Health Manual; New Mexico Nurse Practice Act (61-3-1 NMSA Annotated 1978); appropriate and applicable National Association of School Nurses (NASN) guidelines; and relevant state and federal laws.

D. The Health Services Department staff shall encourage collaboration with community partners to expand the scope of primary care services available to students.