

CONNECT CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY

Policy Title: **Health, Safety, and Wellness**

Policy No. **6.04**

RATIONALE: The Connect Charter School Board recognizes that the health, safety, and wellness of the members of the school community are of paramount importance.

POLICY: The Board of Connect Charter School is committed to providing a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging. Staff members employed by Connect Charter School Society and students enrolled in the school will not be discriminated against as provided for in the *Alberta Human Rights Act* or the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

PRINCIPLES:

1. All members of the school community share responsibility for fostering a safe and healthy learning environment that respects and celebrates diversity and inclusion.
2. The physical and emotional health, safety, and wellness of all students is a primary consideration for all activities within the jurisdiction of the school.
3. All staff members play a critical role in the proactive identification and mitigation of student health and safety issues.
4. In accordance with Section 16.1 of The Education Act, 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.
5. 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.
6. Grade specific health curricula will be used by teachers as a framework to support students in proactively identifying and making healthy and safe choices.
7. 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 Policy 6.04 Appendix

Policy 6.04 Appendix details the school's Student Health, Safety, and Wellness 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