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**2431.05 - ATHLETIC INJURIES PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAM**

The School Board's athletic injuries prevention and treatment program, to be developed by the superintendent, is designed to prevent and treat physical injuries that may occur to student-athletes participating in a District-sponsored athletic activity including, but not limited to, exercises, sports, games, or recreation requiring any of the physical attributes of strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, and stamina. Central to the program is the employment and availability of persons trained in the prevention and treatment of physical injuries that may occur during athletic activities.

**Athletic Trainer Qualifications**

To qualify to be employed as an athletic trainer through the program, an individual must, at a minimum, be licensed as required by part XIII of F.S. Chapter 468 and possess a professional, temporary, part-time, adjunct, or substitute certificate pursuant to F.S. 1012.35, 1012.56, or 1012.57. All athletic trainers employed shall undergo background screening in accordance with applicable law and Board policy, whether they are employed as a part-time or full-time District employee or a contract employee.

"Athletic training" through the program means service and care provided by an athletic trainer under the direction of a physician as specified in F.S. 468.713. Such service and care must relate to the prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, treatment, or rehabilitation of a physically active person who sustained an injury, illness, or other condition involving exercise, sport, recreation, or related physical activity. An athletic trainer shall only practice as provided in F.S. 468.705. Athletic trainers may not provide, offer to provide, or represent that they are qualified to provide any care or service that they lack the education, training, or experience to provide or that athletic trainers are prohibited by law from providing. For the provision of such care and services, an athletic trainer may use physical modalities, including, but not limited to, heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, and mechanical devices.

Athletic trainers shall practice under the direction of a physician licensed under F.S. Chapter 458, Chapter 459, Chapter 460, or otherwise authorized by Florida law to practice medicine. The physician shall communicate his/her direction through oral or written prescriptions or protocols as deemed appropriate by the physician for the provision of services and care by the athletic trainer. An athletic trainer shall provide service or care in the manner dictated by the physician.

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