

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

May 13, 2025

SUBJECT:

Policy JLCG Seizure Safe Schools

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Per the South Carolina Code of Laws (Section 59-10-215), "Each school district and charter school shall adopt a seizure training program to provide instruction in understanding the basics about epilepsy and its impact on student learning, recognizing signs and symptoms of seizures, the appropriate steps to be taken to respond to symptoms of a seizure, and the administration of seizure medications. This training must be consistent with guidelines established by a qualified nonprofit organization that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders. The completion of this training must be documented by the school district and the training may be provided virtually, provided by school or district staff, or may be conducted by an individual trained to deliver such information."

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Administration recommends the adoption of Policy JLCG Seizure Safe Schools as required by South Carolina Code of Laws Section 59-10-215.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the following policy, first reading:
Policy JLCG Seizure Safe Schools

ATTACHMENT:

Policy JLCG Seizure Safe Schools

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SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS

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1 Epilepsy, also known as a seizure disorder, is a neurological condition associated with abnormal
2 electrical activity in the brain that affects the nervous system by causing sudden recurrent episodes
3 of sensory disturbance, convulsions, or loss of consciousness. District staff need to be adequately
4 prepared to provide care to students with epilepsy during the school day or at school sponsored
5 functions. To ensure that the district provides support for students diagnosed with epilepsy and
6 seizure disorders, the district will train staff on these disorders and their impact on student learning
7 and academic achievement.

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9 The seizure training program will include instruction on recognizing the signs and symptoms of a
10 seizure, the appropriate response strategies for treating a student who exhibits these symptoms,
11 and the administration of prescribed seizure medications.

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13 The training program will be consistent with the guidelines and best practices established by a
14 qualified nonprofit organization that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure
15 disorders, such as the Epilepsy Foundation or a similar organization. The training will be provided
16 by an individual trained to deliver such information. Training will be offered virtually.

Adopted 5/27/25

Legal References:

- A. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
 - 1. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C.A. Section 1400, *et seq.*
 - 2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C.A. Section 701, *et seq.*
- B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 59-10-215 - Seizure Safe Schools Act