

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

BLOOD PROGRAM

5175

Procedure No.

July 1, 2013

Date

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- I. **PURPOSE:** To clarify procedures related to the American Red Cross Blood Program (ARCBP) (Bloodmobile), in conjunction with Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS).

 - II. **BACKGROUND:** According to Section 10-101 of the Health Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and with the approval of the Prince George's County Board of Education, students age 17 and above may donate blood at the school sponsored American Red Cross Blood Program. Parental consent is not required for these donations. However, the PGCPS acknowledges the desire of parents/guardians to be notified of the existence of the blood program and the opportunity for minors at least 17 years old to give blood. Therefore, such parental notifications shall be made in writing each year prior to the implementation of the blood program. Principals will determine the most effective means of notifying parents of the ARCBP.

 - III. **DEFINITIONS:** Blood Program means any voluntary and non-compensatory program for the drawing of blood, which is approved and operated by the American Red Cross.

 - IV. **PROCEDURES:**
 - A. Contact the Director for the American Red Cross Chesapeake and Potomac Regional Blood Services Program Office.

 - B. The Blood Services Director or his/her designee will arrange to meet with appropriate school-site staff relative to Bloodmobile procedures.

 - C. The Red Cross Blood Services representative will provide the High School Bloodmobile Handbook, which contains all information necessary to facilitate the Bloodmobile Services on site. PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY.

 - D. When the ARCBP is conducted at the school site, the American Red Cross bloodmobile staff is required to confirm the fact that the student donating said blood is 17 years of age or above and meets all additional health-related criteria, which assures that the donation of said blood is not deleterious to the health and well-being of the donor or to the recipient.

 - V. **RELATED PROCEDURES:** None.

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- VI. **MAINTENANCE AND UPDATE OF THESE PROCEDURES:** This Administrative Procedure originates with the Department of Student Engagement and School Support and will be updated as needed.
- VII. **CANCELLATIONS AND SUPERSEDURES:** This Administrative Procedure cancels and supersedes Administrative Procedure 5175, dated May 13, 1991.
- VIII. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2013.

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