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Supporting Student Health
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FACT SHEET:

Policies and standards relevant to the school environment in Western Australia

The 2021 WHO Global standards for health promoting schools1 builds on the 1995 Health Promoting Schools Framework.

There are 8 standards that look towards progressive realisation of a vision for healthy schools.

Standard 1 is Government policies and resources.
This standard has been written for those who occupy roles in national, state and local governments. The focus is for stakeholders involved in the development of education policy, and for those who provide support for school operations, curriculum development and teacher professional learning. Thus, this is out of the scope of responsibility of schools and educators

The aim of standard 1 is to ensure that whole-of-government commitment to, and investment in HPS are reflected in laws, regulations, policies, strategies, resource allocation, intersectoral collaboration, collaboration and engagement with schools and local communities, with a sustainable system of monitoring and evaluation.

This aspect is a new addition to the original HPS Framework. It extends beyond the roles and responsibilities of individual schools and educators.

All schools, in all systems and sectors, have national, state and sector policies and procedures they are required to adhere to or are guided by.

A key aspect is the implementation of whole school approaches to wellbeing, which involves integrating health and wellbeing into all aspects of school life as well as daily learning.

Areas include:
Student health and wellbeing

- Student health support
- Child protection
- Pastoral care
- Student behaviour support
- Duty of care
- Protective behaviours education (PBE)
- Chaplaincy
- Healthy living
- Whole school approach

Staff health and wellbeing

- Work health and safety policy
- Staff health and wellbeing strategy
- Principal health and wellbeing strategy

Key principles and practices

- Safe and supportive environment
- Evidence-informed approaches
- Legislative compliance
- Collaboration

By implementing these policies and strategies, a positive and supportive learning environment where all students and staff can thrive can be achieved.

Some policies, procedures and frameworks relevant to all WA systems and sectors

Australian Student Wellbeing Framework
Health and Physical Education - K-10 Curriculum
Health and Physical Education - Year 11-12 Curriculum
ACHPER Statements and Policy

Specific WA Department of Education policies and procedures

WA Dept of Education Focus 2025
WA Dept of Health Child and Adolescent Health Service Schools
WA School Food and Drink Criteria
WA Dept of Education Student Health Care Policies
WA Dept of Education Policies: Healthy Food and Drink
WA Dept of Education Health and Wellbeing

Specific CEWA policies

Student Safety and Wellbeing
Work Health and Safety
Code of Conduct
Incident Management

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