

## Students

### Do Not Attempt Resuscitation

#### I. Purpose

When any student experiences sudden illness or injury, the role of staff is to render emergency health care to preserve life and prevent disability. In life-threatening emergencies, the emergency medical system (911) will be activated. Federal mandates guarantee that students have a right to an education in the least restrictive environment. The school district recognizes that it is serving students with complex health needs, and that district staff may be presented with written Do Not Attempt Resuscitation orders.

#### II. Definition

Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR): A written physician directive that cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) not be used by healthcare providers in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest.

#### III. General Statement of Procedure

Upon receipt of Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR) orders signed by a physician, the school district will implement the following procedures:

- A. DNAR orders will be accepted by the health services coordinator and placed on file in the school health offices, as well as the district office. The health services coordinator will review the DNAR orders to ensure they are signed by the parent or proxy, the physician and a witness. Parents/guardians are urged to contact the health services coordinator at the district office to be certain that orders have been received. Appropriate building staff will be informed of the orders and asked to file them in the school health office.
- B. If there are questions or concerns regarding a DNAR order, the district legal counsel will be consulted.
- C. A school team including, but not limited to, the parent/guardian, school nurse, school health associate, primary teacher and/or case manager, principal and director of special services, will convene to outline expectations and procedures to follow in implementing the DNAR orders. Those individuals informed of and intended to be governed by the DNAR order must follow the medical orders for DNAR.
- D. An Individual Health Plan (IHP) will be developed for each student with a DNAR order. The plan will include the following:

1. Specific medical interventions that are allowed and disallowed by the DNAR order
  2. Procedures to be followed for emergencies
  3. Plans for interaction with local emergency personnel
  4. Plans for ongoing assessment of the student's health status
  5. Guidelines for removal of the student from class activities
  6. Guidelines for dealing with other students in the classroom
  7. Palliative care (comfort measures) to be administered
  8. Protocol for handling an emergency on the school bus or during school-related activities
  9. Training and support for school staff
  10. Plan for ongoing communication with the family
  11. Plan for response to an emergency situation in the event that the school nurse or health associate is not available
- E. Students with DNAR orders are required to wear an identification bracelet/necklace indicating their name and date of birth. A bracelet/necklace will be provided by the school district upon receipt and acceptance of orders. The parent or guardian is solely responsible for the student's daily wearing of the bracelet/necklace. Parents should contact the school immediately for a replacement bracelet/necklace.
- F. In the event of an emergency situation, emergency medical services (911) will be activated, and parents/guardians will be notified of the emergency by school personnel.
- G. Upon arrival of emergency medical personnel, the school administrator or designee will give them the DNAR order.
- H. The school's crisis support team will be used as needed for support following an emergency.
- I. All DNAR orders and IHPs will be updated a minimum of every school year.
- J. If the parent/guardian wishes the school district to rescind a DNAR order, he/she must notify the licensed school nurse in writing. The health services coordinator will send a letter of confirmation of the rescission from the district indicating that the request to rescind has been received and honored. If the

parent/guardian does not receive such a letter of confirmation, it is his/her responsibility to contact the district to confirm that the letter of rescission was received.

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