

EMERGENCY TREATMENT

The Board recognizes that schools are responsible for providing immediate first aid in case of sudden illness/injury to a student, but that further medical attention is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. It is also the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide the school with a current Health Information and Emergency Medical Treatment Form, thus providing the school with parental instruction and authority to seek medical attention when the parent/guardian cannot be reached.

When a student is ill or injured, it is the staff's responsibility to see that immediate care and attention is given until they are relieved by a first aid provider, a nurse or physician. The principal/designee, or first aid provider, determines if the condition is life-threatening. If so, immediate first aid should begin and the emergency care system, 911 should be called for assistance. Simultaneously, the parent/guardian and school nurse should be contacted and informed of the decision and the student's condition.

If the condition is not life-threatening but determined to need further care and/or medical treatment, the parent/guardian is contacted after the immediate first aid is given. If the parent/guardian cannot be contacted, the school is only authorized to call the emergency contacts provided by the parent/guardian. Any further action would be made at the discretion of the principal and/or designee.

In the event that the parent or emergency contact cannot be reached, and in the judgment of the principal or person-in-charge that immediate medical attention is required, the injured student may be taken directly to the hospital and treated by the physician on call. However, an injured or ill student should only be moved if a first aid provider has determined that it is safe to do so. Students with head or neck injuries should only be moved or transported by emergency medical technicians. When the parent is located he/she may then choose to continue the treatment or make other arrangements.

If the condition is considered to be minor, requiring no further care or medical attention, first aid is provided and the student may remain in school.

The district is not qualified under law to comply with directives to physicians limiting medical treatment and will not accept such directives.

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