

INSTRUCTION

Administrative Procedure – Do Not Resuscitate

Due to the complexity and severity of medically fragile students enrolled in SEDOL educational programs, and in acknowledging that these students present with unique needs, SEDOL will accept advance directives for medical management. Requests to withhold specific life sustaining procedures will be made by providing a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order to school personnel. Authorized orders to withhold designated emergency treatment and/or palliative care orders will be reviewed on an individual basis.

A DNR Order is a physician's directive that cardiopulmonary resuscitation not be used in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest. This includes breathing and ventilation by any assistive or mechanical means, chest compressions, defibrillation, or other related life sustaining procedures.

A DNR order is a medical directive separate from other aspects of the student's care and/or individual education plan.

POSITION STATEMENT: American Academy of Pediatrics: Committee on School Health and Committee on Bioethics. "Honoring Do-Not-Attempt-Resuscitation Requests in Schools" PEDIATRICS May 2010, 125 (5) 1073-1077.

A. Implementing the Do Not Resuscitate Order

1. The parent/guardian is responsible for providing the completed Illinois Department of Public Health Do Not Resuscitate Advance Directive to the school where the student is enrolled.
2. The parent/guardian must provide written consent to allow SEDOL personnel to confer with the authorizing physician.
3. Both the physician and parent/guardian must provide a written statement affirming the continuance of the order and all its conditions annually at the beginning of each school year.
4. SEDOL may accept a DNR order that has been signed by only one parent/legal guardian and is under no obligation to seek the signature of the other parent/guardian. However, if SEDOL is made aware that the parents/guardians disagree with the DNR order, SEDOL will not honor the directive until authorized by a court order.
5. The SEDOL nursing coordinator and/or SEDOL nurse will be responsible for arranging a conference with the parent/guardian to outline the expectations and procedures for school/nursing staff to follow. The meeting will clarify the precise actions allowable and a specific understanding of how the DNR will be implemented. The conference may include the school principal or other school designee, the student's district of residence, the authorizing physician, relevant education team members, and the assigned palliative care nurse, if applicable. The conference may occur by telephone by one or more persons, if necessary to allow participation.
 - a. The physician will validate the DNR order.
 - b. The physician will elaborate on medical conditions that predispose the initiation of the DNR order: (1) cardiac arrest; (2) respiratory arrest; or (3) pre-cardiac/respiratory arrest indicators.
6. The original DNR order will be presented to the SEDOL nurse for verification and returned to the parent/guardian. Copies will be distributed to the SEDOL Superintendent, the student's district of residence, principal, appropriate education team members, local and district EMS, and placed in the school health file and student's backpack.
7. The Do Not Resuscitate Student Response Plan will be discussed and completed.
 - a. The parent/guardian should indicate who is to be informed of the DNR order. The parent/guardian will be advised that anyone who is not directly informed about the DNR order, or is unaware of its meaning, will initiate cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

- b. SEDOL nursing is responsible for ensuring that all staff members listed on the DNR Student Response Plan, including transportation supervisor and routing bus personnel, are instructed to follow the planned procedures.

B. Activating the DNR Order

1. Contact the parent/guardian if physical deterioration occurs.
2. Contact local EMS providers.
3. The SEDOL nurse will make the assessment to activate the DNR. If a SEDOL nurse is not available, EMS responders will determine appropriate action.
4. Move student to the nursing office or designated room.
5. Follow the interventions previously established in the DNR Student Response Plan.
6. Provide comfort and supportive care.
7. Notify the SEDOL Superintendent or designee and the student's district of residence.

C. Procedures for School Death

1. Notify the school principal.
2. Contact the parent/guardian and other persons as designated on the DNR Student Response Plan. Request the parent/guardian to report to the school.
3. Seclude the student's body in the nursing office or designated room. Ensure privacy and support when the parent/guardian arrives.
4. If indicated, EMS will notify the local law enforcement agency and will remain with the body until the police arrive.
5. Follow the parent/guardian instructions regarding transportation of the body.
6. Secure the assistance of the school crisis team as soon as possible.
7. Notify the SEDOL superintendent or designee and the student's district of residence.

D. Procedures for Student Distress/Death on the School Bus

1. Stop the bus and follow the approved protocol outlined in the DNR School Transportation Response Plan.
2. Call transportation office to request EMS services. Alert EMS that the student has a DNR order and produce it upon arrival.
3. Call parent/guardian and give location.
4. Call nursing coordinator/school nurse and give location.
5. Ask additional EMS staff or police personnel who may respond to remain on the scene as long as necessary to provide help with the needs of other students and staff.
6. Notify the SEDOL Superintendent or designee and the student's district of residence.

E. Revocation of a DNR Order

1. If a Do Not Resuscitate order is rescinded, the parent/guardian must inform the principal and SEDOL nursing coordinator in writing. The principal and SEDOL nurse will be jointly responsible for informing appropriate school personnel that the DNR order has been discontinued.
2. The DNR order may be revoked at any time by:
 - a. Cancellation or destruction of the DNR order form with the consent of the parent/guardian or the student (if authorized decision maker); or
 - b. An oral statement made directly to the SEDOL nursing staff or EMS providers by the authorized decision maker (parent/guardian or student) to initiate resuscitation. SEDOL nursing/EMS personnel will not recognize an oral revocation made by anyone other than the parent/guardian or student.

3. Notification of Revocation will be given to the SEDOL Superintendent and the student's district of residence.

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