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First Aid Training: Basic First Aid Training

17.2 The Westerly Public Schools shall provide basic first aid training for school personnel who might be involved in managing an injury or other medical emergency. Said personnel shall be identified by the school principal, or other designated school authority. Subjects to be covered shall include, but not be limited to: control of major bleeding, use of universal precautions, management of ocular trauma and emergencies, management of burns, accessing the "911" emergency medical system, proper application and removal of disposable gloves and equipment, and movement and transportation of an injured person.

17.2.1 The school principal, or designee, shall maintain a recordkeeping system documenting that the basic first aid training (as above) has been provided or documentation is on file of a current certificate from a recognized outside standardized course.

17.2.2 The training shall be delivered by a certified school nurse-teacher, or other designated instructor, utilizing a training curriculum that adheres to standards established by a nationally-recognized body unless there is documentation of satisfactory completion of a recognized outside standardized course.

17.2.3 Students engaged in potentially hazardous tasks (including, but not limited to, activities during normal school hours in science laboratories, industrial arts, physical education, and family/consumer science classes) should be directly supervised by teachers or instructors who are trained, as outlined in section 17.2 (above) in the administration of basic first aid, and who have posted and discussed safety rules with the students.

First Aid Training: Basic First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training

17.3 At all times, during normal school hours at on-site school-sponsored activities, each school shall have available at least one (1) person other than the certified school nurse-teacher who is trained, competent and responsible for the administration of basic first aid, child/adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), including emergency procedures for obstructed airways (choking) and drowning, and administration of the epinephrine auto-injector.

First Aid Training: Anaphylaxis

17.4 Training shall be provided for school personnel who might administer an epinephrine auto-injector in a case of anaphylaxis. Subjects to be covered shall include (but not be limited to): signs and symptoms of anaphylactic shock, proper epinephrine

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auto-injector administration, adverse reactions, accessing the "911" emergency medical system, and preparation for movement and transport of the student.

Response to and Treatment for Anaphylaxis

17.5 To prevent or treat a case of anaphylaxis (as defined in section 1.1 herein), the certified school nurse-teacher or trained school personnel shall administer the epinephrine auto-injector to an identified student. Certified school nurse-teachers shall administer the epinephrine auto-injector in accordance with standard nursing practice.

17.6 In the event of a suspected case of anaphylaxis, school personnel may administer the emergency protocol, including an epinephrine auto-injector to a medically identified student when authorized by a parent/guardian and when ordered by a physician or other licensed prescriber.

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