

First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

Treatment of injuries other than first aid is prohibited in all District schools. First aid is immediate help given by the best qualified person at hand in case of accident or sudden illness.

During the school day and during school sponsored events, including those off-site, at least one staff person must be on duty who has a current certification from a nationally recognized course in standard first aid and CPR. First aid kits must be stored and properly maintained in each school in accordance with applicable school health rules.

Any person who in good faith provides emergency care or assistance without compensation at the place of the emergency or accident will not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions in good faith. State law also exempts from civil liability certain health care providers who render emergency assistance in good faith and without compensation to persons injured in a competitive sport activity.

Treatment of injuries occurring outside school jurisdiction is not the responsibility of school employees.

No drugs shall be given at any time. The administering of all medications including prescription and non-prescription is forbidden unless a parent/guardian and physician have given written authorization for their use.

The school's obligation continues after the injury until the injured student has been placed in the care of the parent/guardian or emergency health personnel. Therefore, the parents/guardians of all students will be asked to sign and submit an emergency medical authorization form which shall indicate the procedure they wish the school to follow in the event of a medical emergency involving their child.

In all cases where the nature of an illness or an injury appears serious, the parent/ guardian will be contacted if possible and the instructions on the student's emergency card followed. In extreme emergencies, where there is potential threat to life, limb or digit, school personnel will immediately call emergency health personnel to arrange for transporting the student to an emergency facility on advice of emergency health personnel.

Elementary students who are ill or injured will not be sent home alone and secondary students who are ill or injured will not be sent home alone unless the illness is minor and the parent/guardian has consented in advance.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 13-21-108 (*civil immunity for persons rendering emergency assistance*)
C.R.S. 13-21-108.5 (*civil immunity for health care providers who assist in sports injuries*)
C.R.S. 25-53-102 22-1-125 (*requirements concerning automated external defibrillators in schools*)
C.R.S. 24-10-106.5 (*public entity duty of care*)
6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 6.13(D) (*first aid and CPR certification requirement*)

CROSS REFS.: GBGAB*, First Aid Training
JLCD, Administering Medications to Students
JLIB, Student Dismissal Precautions

NOTE: Pursuant to C.R.S. 25-53-102, school districts must accept a donation of an automated external defibrillator (AED) that meets standards established by the federal food and drug administration and is in compliance with the manufacturer's maintenance schedule. Due to the passage of S.B. 24-227, districts are no longer able to decline responsibility for AED training or installation and must accept any donations of AEDs. School districts that receive a donated AED must decide who will be trained, the frequency of training, and when the AED training will take place. C.R.S. 25-53-102(c). School districts also must accept gifts, grants and donations designated for obtaining AEDs and/or for the inspection, maintenance and training in the use of an AED.