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HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

Note: In 2006, the Alaska Legislature passed SB 48, a component of which prohibits school personnel from referring parents to a specific health care provider. AS 14.30.171(a)(4). However, school district may make available to parents a list of community medical and mental health resources. AS 14.30.176. These requirements are set forth in the policy below.

The School Board recognizes the importance of taking appropriate action whenever an accident or illness threatens the safety, health, or welfare of a student at school or during school-sponsored activities. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to minimize the effects of an injury by providing first aid and/or medical attention as quickly as possible to notify parents/guardians of the accident and to take other steps necessary in the interests of the student and the district.

Emergency Contact Information

To facilitate immediate contact with parents/guardians on such occasions, the Board requires parents/guardians to furnish the schools with the current information specified below:

1. Home address and telephone number
2. Parent/guardian's business address and telephone number
3. Name, address, and telephone number of a relative or friend who is authorized by the parent/guardian to care for the student in cases of emergency when the parent/guardian cannot be reached.

Note: Under AS 14.30.177, school boards must adopt a policy that employees who refer parents to individual health care providers may be subject to disciplinary action. In 2006, such referrals became prohibited by law. AS 14.30.171(a)(4).

School personnel, except those possessing a special services Type C certificate, should not recommend that a parent or guardian seek services from a specific physician, psychologist, or other health specialist. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

School personnel may provide a community resource list that identifies community medical and health resources. The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that any list of community providers complies with legal requirements.

Legal References:

ALASKA STATUTES

09.65.090 Civil liability for emergency aid
14.30.141 Self-administration and documentation of medication
14.30.171 Prohibited actions
14.30.176 List of community resources

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