Board Policy 3540: Emergency Treatment

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The Board recognizes that schools are responsible for providing first aid or emergency treatment in case of sudden illness or injury to a student, but that further medical attention is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Each parent/guardian must provide an emergency telephone number where they and their designated emergency contact can be reached. The District recommends that parents/guardians regularly check and update the emergency contact information they've provided to the District. They must also provide a completed Form 3500F indicating student health services, if any, to which they consent. If a student does not have a completed Form 3500F, the District shall presume there is no consent to provide any healthcare services other than nonemergency first aid, such as dressing minor wounds, applying topical agents, providing fluids or ice, and performing checks to identify minor illnesses .

The District may provide emergency treatment to the student if:

1. The parent/guardian already consented to such treatment via Form 3500F or some other means; or

2. District staff reasonably determines that a medical emergency exists and:

    A. Furnishing the health care service is necessary to prevent death or address a serious bodily harm to the minor child; or
    B. District staff can't contact the parent/guardian despite a reasonably diligent effort and the health care service is furnished to prevent loss of life or serious physical illness or injury to the minor child.

When a student is injured or ill, the principal or designated staff member should immediately contact the parent/guardian so that the parent/guardian can arrange for care or treatment of the injured student and consent to providing treatment to the student if they have not already done so.

If a student develops symptoms of illness while at school, the responsible school officials shall do the following:

1. Isolate the student immediately from other children in a room or area segregated for that purpose;

2. Inform the parent/guardian as soon as possible about the illness and request that they pick up the student; and

3. Report each case of suspected communicable disease the same day by telephone to the local health authority, or as soon as possible thereafter if no contact can be made the same day.

In the event of any medical emergency posing a serious threat to life or health, District staff shall call the local emergency medical service provider.

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Legal References	Description
IC § 32-1015	Parental Rights in Medical Decision-Making

Other References	Description
ISBA Policy Services	https://www.idsba.org/member-services/policy/

Cross References

Code	Description
3500	Student Health/Physical Screenings/Examinations
3518	Treatment of Opioid Overdoses