

## **Response to Student Injury or Illness**

The board recognizes that schools are responsible for providing first aid or emergency treatment in case of injury or illness of a student. To that end, the board encourages school staff to become certified in first aid. Further medical attention in non-emergency cases is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. Schools will notify the parent or guardian of students who suffer injuries, illness or physical trauma at school or at any school-sponsored activity as soon as practicable.

The following procedures will be followed in any accident, and for providing first aid or emergency treatment to a student who is ill or injured.

### **EVALUATION**

When a student is injured or ill at school or during any school-sponsored activity to any degree, it is the responsibility of staff to see that immediate care and attention is provided to the student unless or until the staff member is relieved by a staff member certified in first aid, a nurse, a doctor, or emergency personnel.

Except in cases of very minor injuries (e.g., cuts, scrapes, rug burns) that, in the judgment of the school nurse or a staff member certified in first aid, do not pose a serious health risk to the student and will not worsen if the student remains at school, the principal or designee and school nurse (if not already notified) will be promptly notified of any student's: 1) injury; 2) illness; or 3) physical trauma that could have caused injuries yet unobservable.

The school nurse or staff member will determine whether the injury, illness or trauma is serious enough to warrant calling 911. If there is any doubt, 911 should be called. If 911 is not called appropriate staff will provide appropriate first aid to the student consistent with their training.

### **EMERGENCY TREATMENT**

Students with uncontrolled bleeding and those who have suffered temporary suffocation, cardiac arrest, fractures or head, neck, eye, ear, or spinal injuries will only be moved and transported by EMS.

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN OR EMERGENCY CONTACT NOTIFICATION**

Except in cases of very minor injuries as described above, the principal or designee will notify the parent or guardian (or, if the parent or guardian cannot be reached, the emergency contact), to advise them of the student's condition as soon as practicable.

The student's parent or guardian or emergency contact will decide, in non-emergency cases, whether: 1) the parent/guardian or emergency contact will transport the student to the hospital; 2) the parent/guardian or emergency contact will pick up the student or 3) the student will remain at school.

### **ADVANCED DIRECTIVES**

The district will consult with its legal counsel prior to accepting any advance directives to physicians to limit medical treatment.

Cross References:	Board Policy 3124	Removal-Release of Student During School Hours
	Board Policy 3422	Student Sports – Concussion, Head Injury and Sudden Cardiac Arrest

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