

8441 CARE OF INJURED AND ILL PERSONS

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to provide for the prompt and appropriate medical attention for pupils, staff members, or visitors who are injured or become ill on school grounds or during a school sponsored event, activity, or field trip.

Any injury or illness shall be reported immediately to the school nurse or, in the absence of the school nurse, the building principal or designee. Immediate steps may be taken, as necessary, to remove the injured or ill person from danger and/or to prevent exacerbation of the injury or illness. Basic first aid may be administered by district personnel to ensure the safety and comfort of the injured or ill person until the school nurse or other medical professional arrives on the scene.

The parents or legal guardians of an injured or ill pupil and, if necessary, the family of an injured or ill staff member or visitor will be notified promptly of the injury or illness and the ongoing health status of the injured or ill person. If the school nurse or school physician or, in the absence of both, the Principal or designee, determines the injured or ill person should receive a medical examination from their medical professional, the parent or legal guardian, or family member will be required to remove the injured or ill person from the school or school event or activity. In the event a serious health emergency occurs on school grounds or during a school sponsored event, activity or field trip, emergency medical assistance will be contacted.

In the event it is determined by the school nurse and/or a medical professional that a pupil shall be immediately transported to a hospital or other emergency medical facility, a school staff member, if a parent or their designee is not on the scene, shall accompany the pupil to a hospital or other emergency medical facility.

The school nurse, in consultation with the school physician, will develop basic emergency first aid procedures for the emergency treatment of an injury or illness in the event a school staff member may be in the position to provide emergency first aid until the school nurse or other medical professional arrives on the scene.

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Injuries and disabilities that occur in the course of the athletic program are subject to the provisions of Policy 2431 and implementing regulations. Pupil disabilities attributable to substance abuse will be handled in accordance with Policy 5530 (Substance Abuse). Injuries that occur in the course of school bus transportation will be handled in accordance with regulations implementing Policy 8630 (Emergency School Bus Procedures).

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A. Injuries and/or Illness Requiring Immediate Attention

These regulations apply when a pupil, staff member, visitor, or other person on school grounds or during a school-sponsored event, activity, or field trip is injured or becomes suddenly ill. A school staff member shall take charge under these circumstances until the school nurse or another medical professional arrives on the scene.

1. The injury or illness shall be reported immediately to the school nurse or, in the absence of the school nurse, to the Principal or designee.
2. If it is evident the illness or injury is serious and immediate medical attention may be required, emergency medical assistance shall be immediately summoned by a telephone call to 911.
3. The injured or ill person shall be examined for any obvious injuries or health problems.
4. The injured or ill person shall be checked for the presence of a necklace or bracelet that identifies a particular medical problem.
5. The injured or ill person shall not be moved, except as may be necessary to remove the person from a dangerous environment.
6. The injured or ill person should be made as comfortable as possible, without moving him/her.
7. No food or liquid should be given to the injured or ill person except on the orders of the school nurse or another medical professional.
8. The injured or ill person shall be informed when emergency medical assistance has been contacted.

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B. Emergency First Aid Procedures

1. The school nurse or other medical professional will administer emergency first aid to an injured pupil, staff member, or visitor.
2. In the event the school nurse or other medical professional is not available or before the school nurse or other medical professional arrives, the school staff member or other adult in charge may administer basic first aid to the injured or ill person until the school nurse or other trained medical professional arrives.
 - a. The school nurse will develop, in consultation with the school physician, basic emergency first aid procedures in the event a school staff member may be in the position to provide emergency first aid to an injured or ill person until the school nurse or other medical professional arrives on the scene.
 - b. The school nurse will make such basic emergency first aid procedures available to school staff members.

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