

Emergency Treatment

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 can be reached as well as a second emergency contact noted on the child's enrollment card. 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 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.

The District may provide emergency treatment to the child 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 imminent, irreparable physical injury; or
 - B. District staff can't contact the parent/guardian despite a reasonably diligent effort and the student's life or health would be seriously endangered by further delay in the furnishing of health care services.

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 child if they have not already done so.

~~When a student is injured, staff shall provide immediate care and attention until relieved by a superior, a nurse, or a doctor. Precautionary measures relating to blood and body fluids should be taken. The principal or designated staff member should immediately contact the parent or, if the parent cannot be contacted, the second emergency contact so that the parent can arrange for care or treatment of the injured student. If neither person can be contacted, the principal or designee will attempt to contact the family physician listed on the pupil's enrollment card.~~

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

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

2. Inform the parent/guardian ~~or, if the parent/guardian~~ as soon as possible about the illness and request that they pick up the child; and ~~cannot be contacted, the second emergency contact as soon as possible about the illness and request that he or she pick up the child;~~ 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.

Legal References

Description

IC 32-1015

Parental Rights in Medical Decision-Making

Cross Reference

3500

Student Health/Physical Screenings/Examinations

3518

Treatment of Opioid Overdoses

~~In the event that neither the parent, the emergency contact, nor the family physician can be reached and in the judgment of the principal or person in charge immediate medical attention is required, the injured student may be taken directly to the hospital and treated by the physician on-call. When the parent or emergency contact is located, he or she may elect to continue the treatment or make other arrangements.~~

~~All accidents occurring on school property or during a school activity, which requires medical attention or otherwise appears to be serious, shall be reported within 24 hours, by the principal, to the Superintendent. The report shall include the student's name, address, parent or guardian and names of any witnesses to the accident. The cause of the accident should be reported if definitely known, otherwise the person making the report shall report only what he or she actually observed or state that information was reported by others.~~

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