
STUDENT ILLNESS/INJURY

Background

In the event of injury/illness of a student, personnel with first aid training are to examine the student to determine the nature and extent of the illness or injury, where possible. Where no such person is immediately available, the staff member is expected to act as a reasonable parent in using his/her own judgment in what is best for the student.

Procedures

1. Before treating minor injuries in school, school personnel are to confirm from the child's file whether there are any allergies that may affect the child's treatment.
2. Where the illness/injury appears to warrant further medical attention, the principal will be notified immediately.
 - 2.1. The principal will phone the parents who will direct the school staff as to what action they deem appropriate (someone will collect the child to be taken to the hospital, etc.).
 - 2.2. Where a parent is unavailable, and the situation appears to warrant it, the principal or designate will act in loco parentis, and take such action as deemed appropriate, including, where necessary, consultation with the child's physician.
3. Where a parent authorizes it, or in their absence, the principal deems it necessary, the principal may authorize transportation of the student to a doctor or hospital. The driver may be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Division procedures on submission of an expense claim.
4. If a child, upon initial examination is suspected of having a serious injury, the child will not be moved except where required by external dangers. Someone with first aid training or a medical practitioner is to be called to the scene. The injured person is to be made as comfortable as possible, and not to be left unattended during this period.
5. Where the injury is determined to be severe, the attending staff member is to send a designate to call 911 for Emergency Medical Services and a staff member is to be assigned to accompany the ambulance.
6. All incidents will be reported as soon as possible, providing full particulars (Form 315-01).

Reference: Section 11,33,52,53,196,197,222 Education Act
Emergency Medical Aid Act

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