Response to Student Injury or Illness – Policy and Procedure

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, staff designated to provide student health support should be certified in First Aid/CPR/AED. The board encourages all school staff to become certified in first aid. School staff will refer to the joint Department of Health and Office of the Superintendent document How to Respond: Illness and Injury at School for guidance. 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.

When a student is injured it is the responsibility of staff to see that immediate care and attention is given the injured party until relieved by a superior, a nurse, an EMT, or a doctor. Word of the accident should be sent to the principal's office and to the nurse. The principal or designated staff should immediately contact the parent so that the parent can arrange for care or treatment of the injured.

In the event that the parent or emergency contact cannot 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. However, an injured or ill student should only be moved if a first aid provider has determined that it is safe to do so, or that it is safe to transport the student in a private vehicle. Students with head or neck injuries should only be moved or transported by emergency medical technicians. When the parent is located, he/she may then choose to continue the treatment or make other arrangements.

The district is not qualified under law to comply with directives to physicians limiting medical treatment and will not accept such directives.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 3124 Removal/Release of Student During School Hours