

EMERGENCY LIFE-SUSTAINING CARE FOR STUDENTS

BOARD POLICY

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The Governing Board authorizes and encourages District personnel to provide emergency life-sustaining care to any student in need of such care while on District grounds or in District vehicles. In the event such care is necessary, District personnel shall contact emergency authorities (911) as soon as possible to arrange for emergency assistance and transportation of the student to a medical facility.

District personnel shall NOT comply with do not resuscitate ("DNR") orders, pre hospital medical care ("PHMC") directives pursuant to A.R.S. §36-3251, or other directives or requests that emergency life-sustaining care be withheld from a student in need of such care while the student is under the control and supervision of the District.

In the event District personnel are aware that there is a DNR order or PHMC directive applicable to a specific student, District personnel shall notify emergency authorities or medical personnel of this fact both when contacting 911 and when emergency medical personnel arrive to assist the student. Copies of any DNR order or PHMC directive known to District personnel should be kept in the school health office, the student's classroom(s) and also with the student at all times, with confidentiality being maintained.

Whenever school personnel receive a DNR order or PHMC directive pertaining to a student, such personnel shall notify the school principal, the District Director of Health Services, the applicable Assistant Superintendent, and District Legal Counsel. In consultation with administration listed above, school personnel shall form a multi-disciplinary team to develop an individually-designed medication/resuscitation plan for the student who is the subject of a DNR order or PHMC directive of who otherwise may need such a plan. The multi-disciplinary team shall consist of the school principal, the student's teacher(s), the school nurse, a representative of the Exceptional Education Department (if applicable), the student's parent(s) or guardian(s), the student's physician, the student's school counselor (if applicable) and a District transportation department representative (if applicable). The individual resuscitation plan developed shall describe the positive steps to be taken in a medical emergency. The plan shall specify a time period no less than annually for its duration before review and renewal and shall require review by a second physician. Copies of the individual resuscitation plan shall be kept both in the student's classroom(s) and with the student at all times.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. §1412(5)(B)
 34 C.F.R. §300.550
 34 C.F.R. §104.34
 Lewiston Public Schools, 21 IDELR 83 (OCR March 31, 1994)

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