

Student Injuries

Policy No. 302.6R

REGULATIONS

Background

The District recognizes the authority accorded parents/legal guardians of children, and as such, staff members will refrain from offering consent for medical treatment of students. However, in cases of injury or illness which occur to students on school grounds, in the school, or on a site where a school-sponsored activity is being held, the Superintendent expects staff to act as a responsible guardian.

1. Where a student's illness or injury appears to warrant further action, the principal or designate will phone the parents/guardians of the ill or injured student. The parents are to direct employees regarding what action the parents deem appropriate.

In the event of a potentially serious illness or injury, an employee with first aid training will support the principal or designate to determine further action wherever possible. Where a first aid person is not immediately available, the principal or designate shall act as a kind and judicious parent.

2. Where parents are not available, and the illness or injury appears to warrant further action, it is the responsibility of the principal or designate to assess the degree of illness or injury and if unsure of the seriousness of the illness or injury, staff are to call 911.

Depending on the nature of the illness or injury, staff could:

- 2.1 treat the student at the school or other location with basic first aid;
- 2.2 transfer a student to a hospital or emergency care by ambulance; or through the care of a parent or guardian;
- 2.3 have a parent/guardian pick the student up from school; or
- 2.4 provide a place in the school where the student can rest in privacy until such a time as a parent/guardian can pick the student up.
- 2.5 If spinal, head or neck injury is suspected:
 - **Do not move the individual** unless in immediate danger.
 - **Keep head and neck aligned** if movement is necessary.
 - **Do not remove from water** after a diving incident—support them until help arrives.
 - **Call 911** for proper transport and spinal protection.

3. Before treating minor injuries in school, school employees are to ensure that care is provided according to the student's medical plan.
4. If a parent/guardian cannot be reached and an ambulance is not available, and it is determined by the principal or designated that the student needs emergency care, the principal or their designate may transport the student to the hospital or emergency center.
5. In all cases the parent or guardian of the student is to be informed if the student is to receive medical assistance or if the student is to be transported to the hospital or emergency center.
6. The preferred method to transport students to the hospital or an emergency center is by having the parents provide transportation. However, an ambulance may be called if parents cannot be reached, and an ambulance must be called if it is essential to act immediately.
7. Regulations will be reviewed by Principals and Managers at least annually with staff.