



Student Accidents and Sudden Illnesses

The function of the school in relation to sudden illness and accidental injury is one of emergency handling for these situations. School personnel shall act promptly in emergencies for the saving of life, the prevention of further injury and the alleviation of pain. As soon as possible the parent or guardian of the injured student shall be notified. The school is not responsible for treatment once a student transitions to the care of emergency responders or leaves campus with their parent/guardian.

In the event of an accident resulting in serious injury or the serious illness of a student while at school or a school-sponsored activity, the principal and/or school staff should follow the procedures outlined below.

1. First aid should be administered by a member of the faculty or school staff. If the injury or illness is deemed life threatening, the school shall contact emergency responders.
2. As soon as possible contact the parent or guardian using the information recorded in the student information system.
3. In the event a parent or guardian cannot be reached (and/or the situation is deemed an emergency), and hospital treatment is considered by the principal or school staff to be advisable, the principal and/or his/her designee should arrange for transportation of the student to a nearby hospital by ambulance. If it is necessary that a student be taken to a hospital, a school staff member should accompany the student. In case of a serious accident or illness at school and the student is transported by ambulance to an emergency medical facility, the parent/legal guardian is responsible for all related expenses. The school should continue to attempt contact with the parent / guardian until contact is made.

Reporting

Every accident in the school building, on the school grounds, at practice sessions, or at any athletic or other event sponsored by the school should be reported immediately to the person in charge of the activity, and the principal or his/her designee. Principals must notify the Executive Director of School any time emergency responders are called.

Questions about this regulation should be directed to the Executive Director of Schools.

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