

FIRST AID

The school is responsible for giving first aid only in case of sudden illness or injury to a student or a member of the staff. Further medical attention in the case of a student is the responsibility of the parent or guardian, or the person designated for emergencies.

First aid is defined as the immediate and temporary care given in case of an accident or sudden illness, which enables the student to be taken safely home or to a physician. It does not include diagnosis or treatment. Any care beyond first aid will not be given.

Each principal will refer to the school nurse for the immediate care of ill or injured persons who come within their area of responsibility.

At each school, procedures for the proper handling of such emergencies will be developed and made known to the staff. These will incorporate the following requirements.

1. No treatment except first aid is permitted in schools. The school's responsibility is to place the ill or injured student in the care of the home or family physician as soon as possible.
2. Teachers, nurses, or other trained persons, or bus drivers if the injury occurs on a school bus, will be responsible for administering first aid to students with minor injuries such as scratches, abrasions, bruises, etc.
3. A master first aid kit will be kept and properly maintained in each school and each school bus.
4. No drugs will be administered by school personnel unless authorized by a physician.
5. Parents will be asked to sign and submit an emergency medical authorization which will indicate the procedure they wish the school to follow in event of a medical emergency involving their student.
6. In all cases where the nature of an illness or an injury appears serious, the parents or guardian will be contacted if possible, and the instructions on the student's emergency card followed. Thus, in extreme emergencies arrangements usually may be made for a student's immediate hospitalization whether or not the parents or guardian can be reached.
7. No student who is ill or injured will be sent home alone unless the parent or guardian has been informed in advance.

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