

# DRAFT UPDATE

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## Students

### Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment

Written orders from parent(s)/guardian(s) to forgo life-sustaining treatment for their child ~~or ward~~ must be signed by the ~~child's~~ student's physician and given to the Superintendent. This policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act, (755 ILCS 40/).

**Commented [APowell1]:** Updated in response to the Governor's Executive Order, 2016-10 (8-19-16), and P.A. 100-159, which mandate that the use of the term *ward* be eliminated in laws referring to children who are under the care of DCFS.  
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Whenever an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment is received, the Superintendent shall convene a multi-disciplinary team that includes:

1. ~~The child's~~ The student, when appropriate;
2. ~~The child's~~ The student's parent(s)/guardian(s); and
3. Other medical professionals, e.g., licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner;
4. Local first responders for the building in which the student is assigned to attend school;
5. The school nurse;
6. Clergy, if requested by the student or his or her parent(s)/guardians(s);
7. Other individuals to provide support to the student or his or her parent(s)/guardian(s), and as well as
8. School personnel designated by the Superintendent.

**Commented [APowell2]:** This optional policy is updated with suggestions from the PRESS Advisory Board (PAB). More members of the multidisciplinary team are added.  
Consult the board attorney regarding the establishment of a multi-disciplinary team and whether attendance at meetings is necessary.  
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The team shall determine ~~guidelines~~ specific interventions to be used by school staff members in the event the child suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event.

The District personnel shall convey orders to forgo life-sustaining treatment to the appropriate emergency or healthcare provider.

**Commented [APowell3]:** Consult the board attorney about requiring teachers and other non-administrative school employees to administer medical care and/or treatment to students who are the subject of orders to forgo life-sustaining treatment. Generally, only licensed (formerly certificated) school nurses and non-licensed (formerly non-certificated) registered professional nurses may be required to administer medication to students. See 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b.  
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LEGAL REF.: Health Care Surrogate Act, 755 ILCS 40/  
Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Dept. of Health, 497 U.S. 261 (1990).  
In re: C.A., a minor, 236 Ill.App.3d 594603 N.E.2d 1171 (Ill.App.1st Dist., 1992).

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**Commented [APowell4]:** Either or both of the following optional sentences may be added at the end of this paragraph:  
**Option 1:** The Superintendent or designee will ensure minutes are taken that summarize the decisions and guidelines made during multi-disciplinary meetings and obtain signatures of the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) on the minutes of each multi-disciplinary meeting.  
**Option 2:** The Superintendent or designee will monitor the effectiveness of the guidelines established during the multi-disciplinary meetings at times the multi-disciplinary team determines are necessary.  
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