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DISTRICT POLICY NO. 518

ALBERT LEA AREA SCHOOLS DISTRICT 241

DNR-DNI ORDERS

I. PURPOSE

The school district recognizes that it is serving students with complex health needs. The school district also recognizes that school district staff may be confronted with requests to withhold emergency care of a student in the event of a life threatening situation at school or school activities or be presented with Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Intubate (DNR-DNI) orders. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to school district staff in these situations.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The primary mission of the school district is education. DNR-DNI Orders are medical documents. School district staff will not accept or honor requests to withhold emergency care or DNR-DNI orders. The school district will not convey such orders to emergency medical personnel.
- B. School district staff will provide reasonable emergency care and assistance when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during school or school activities.
- C. School district staff will activate emergency medical services (911) as soon as possible when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during school or school activities.
- D. The parent/guardian will be notified of the emergency as soon as possible.
- E. Notwithstanding this school district policy, IEP and § 504 teams must do individualized medical emergency care plans for students when indicated in keeping with state and federal law.

- F. Parents/guardians who request that emergency care be withheld for their child or who present DNR-DNI Orders, shall be advised of and shall be given a copy of this policy.

III. EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY

The exception to this is policy is when the request for DNR-DNI is made for a student who is a registered patient with a hospice program. The request for DNR-DNI must be submitted to the school's health office. A letter of confirmation of the receipt of the request for DNR-DNI from the school district will be sent to the parent or guardian to indicate the request has been received. If the parent or guardian does not receive the letter of confirmation, it is his/her responsibility to contact the school district to confirm that the request for DNR-DNI was received.

Upon receipt of Do Not Resuscitate//Do Not Intubate Orders (DNR-DNI) signed by a physician for a registered hospice student, the school district will implement the following procedures:

- A. A school team including but not limited to the parent or guardian, school first aid provider, primary teacher and/or case manager, principal, and licensed school nurse will convene to outline expectations and procedures to follow in implementing the DNR/DNI orders. Those individuals informed of and intended to be governed by the DNR/DNI order will honor the DNR/DNI.
- B. When the school district receives a DNR/DNI order, if there are any legal questions or concerns regarding the order, the District legal counsel will be contacted. If the school district has any medical questions related to the DNR/DNI, the student's doctor (if a release has been obtained) and/or the parent will be asked to provide clarification.
- C. Original dated DNR/DNI orders will be maintained in the school's health office. The orders will be presented to emergency personnel in the event of an emergency situation. The school district has no control over whether or not emergency personnel will recognize and/or enforce a DNR/DNI order.
- D. An Individual Health Care Plan will be developed for each student who is a registered patient in a hospice program with a DNR/DNI order. The plan will include the following:
 - Specific medical interventions that are allowed and disallowed by the DNR/DNI order.

- Plan to remove student from school, if possible, when school personnel believe that the student's medical condition is deteriorating.
 - Procedures to be followed for emergencies.
 - Plans for interaction with local emergency personnel.
 - Plans for ongoing assessment of the student's health status.
 - Guidelines for removal of the student from class activities.
 - Guidelines for dealing with other students in the classroom.
 - Palliative care (comfort measures) to be administered.
 - Protocol for handling an emergency on the school bus or during school-related activities.
 - Training and support for school staff.
 - Plan for ongoing communication with the family.
 - Plan for response to an emergency situation in the event that the school's first aid provider is not available.
- E. In the event of an emergency, both the student's parent or guardian and emergency personnel will be contacted.
- F. DNR/DNI orders and associated Individual Health Care Plans will be updated a minimum of every school year.
- G. If the parent or guardian wishes to rescind the DNR/DNI order, this must be done by putting the request in writing and delivering it to the school's health office. A letter of confirmation of the rescission from the school district will be sent to the parent or guardian to indicate the request has been received. If the parent or guardian does not receive the letter of confirmation, it is his/her responsibility to contact the school district to confirm that the letter of rescission was received.

Legal References: 29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (§ 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973)
 42 USCA §§ 12101-12213 (Americans with Disabilities Act)