

DRAFT UPDATE

Lincolnwood School District 74

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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 physician and given to the Building Principal or Superintendent. This policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act, 755 ILCS 40/9. Whenever an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment is received, the Superintendent shall convene a multi-disciplinary team that includes:

1. ~~The child, when appropriate;~~
2. ~~The child'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 child is assigned to attend school;~~
5. ~~The school nurse;~~
6. ~~Clergy, if requested by the child or his or her parent(s)/guardians(s);~~
7. ~~Other individuals to provide support to the child or his or her parent(s)/guardian(s); and as well as~~
8. ~~School personnel~~ designated by the Superintendent.

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.

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, 603 N.E.2d 1171 (Ill.App.1, 1992).

ADOPTED: September 10, 2002

REVISED: September 6, 2012

Comment [APowell1]:

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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Comment [APowell2]:

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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Comment [APowell3]:

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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