

Students

Do Not Attempt Resuscitation/Do Not Intubate

I. Purpose

When any student experiences sudden illness or injury, the role of staff is to render emergency health care to preserve life and prevent disability. In life-threatening emergencies, the emergency medical system (911) will be activated. ~~Federal mandates guarantee that students have a right to an education in the least restrictive environment.~~ The school district recognizes that it is serving students with complex health needs, and that district staff may be presented with written Do Not Attempt Resuscitation/ **Do Not Intubate** orders (**DNR- DNI**).

II. Definition of Do Not Attempt Resuscitation/ Do Not Intubate (DNR-DNI)

For purposes of this policy, “Do Not Attempt Resuscitation/ Do Not Intubate” or (“~~DNAR~~ DNR-DNI”)-A means a written physician directive that cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will not be used and/or a breathing tube will not be inserted into a patient’s trachea not be used by healthcare providers in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest.

III. General Statement of Procedure**Policy**

~~Upon receipt of Do Not Attempt Resuscitation orders signed by a physician, the school district will implement the following procedures:~~

- A. ~~DNAR orders will be accepted by the health services coordinator and placed on file in the school health offices, as well as the district office. The health services coordinator will review the DNAR orders to ensure they are signed by the parent or proxy, the physician, and a witness. Parents/guardians are urged to contact the health services coordinator at the district office to be certain that orders have been received. Appropriate building staff will be informed of the orders and asked to file them in the school health office.~~ **The primary mission of the school district is education. DNR-DNI orders are medical documents. District staff will not accept or honor requests to withhold emergency care or DNR-DNI orders. The district will not convey such orders to emergency medical personnel.**
- B. ~~If there are questions or concerns regarding a DNAR order, the district legal counsel will be consulted.~~ **District staff will provide reasonable emergency care and assistance when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during school or district activities.**

- C. ~~A school team including, but not limited to, the parent/guardian, school nurse, school health associate, primary teacher and/or case manager, principal, and director of special services, will convene to outline expectations and procedures to follow in implementing the DNAR orders. Those individuals informed of and intended to be governed by the DNAR order must follow the medical orders for DNAR. District staff will activate emergency medical services (911) as soon as possible when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during school or district activities.~~
- D. ~~The parent/ guardian will be notified of the emergency as soon as possible. An Individual Health Plan (IHP) will be developed for each student with a DNAR order. The plan will include the following:~~
- ~~1. Specific medical interventions that are allowed and disallowed by the DNAR order~~
 - ~~2. Procedures to be followed for emergencies~~
 - ~~3. Plans for interaction with local emergency personnel~~
 - ~~4. Plans for ongoing assessment of the student's health status~~
 - ~~5. Guidelines for removal of the student from class activities~~
 - ~~6. Guidelines for dealing with other students in the classroom~~
 - ~~7. Palliative care (comfort measures) to be administered~~
 - ~~8. Protocol for handling an emergency on the school bus or during school-related activities~~
 - ~~9. Training and support for school staff~~
 - ~~10. Plan for ongoing communication with the family~~
 - ~~11. Plan for response to an emergency situation in the event that the school nurse or health associate is not available~~
- E. ~~Students with DNAR orders are required to wear an identification bracelet/necklace indicating their name and date of birth. A bracelet/necklace will be provided by the school district upon receipt and acceptance of orders. The parent or guardian is solely responsible for the student's daily wearing of the bracelet/necklace. Parents should contact the school immediately for a replacement bracelet/necklace. Notwithstanding this district policy, licensed school nurses will develop an Emergency Health Plan (EHP) for students when appropriate in accordance with state and federal law.~~

- F. ~~In the event of an emergency situation, emergency medical services (911) will be activated, and parents/guardians will be notified of the emergency by school personnel.~~ Parents/guardians who request that emergency care be withheld for their child or who present DNR-DNI orders, will be advised of and given a copy of this policy.
- G. ~~Upon arrival of emergency medical personnel, the school administrator or designee will give them the DNAR order.~~
- H. ~~The school's crisis support team will be used as needed for support following an emergency.~~
- I. ~~All DNAR orders and IHPs will be updated a minimum of every school year.~~
- J. ~~If the a parent/guardian wishes the school district to rescind a DNAR order, he/she they must notify the licensed school nurse in writing. The health services coordinator will send a letter of confirmation of the rescission from the district indicating that the request to rescind has been received and honored. If the parent/guardian does not receive such a letter of confirmation, it is his/her their responsibility to contact the district to confirm that the letter of rescission was received.~~

Legal References:

29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (Rehabilitation Act of 1973 §504)

42 U.S.C. § § 12101-12213 (Americans with Disabilities Act)

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