

Students – Welfare

Health Care and Emergencies

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of taking appropriate action whenever an emergency threatens the safety, health, or welfare of a student at school or during school-sponsored activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to ensure that first aid and/or medical attention is provided as quickly as possible when student accidents and injuries occur and that parents/guardians are notified as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall ask parents/guardians to provide emergency contact information in order to facilitate communication in the event of an accident or illness.

District staff shall appropriately report and document student accidents.

A. Resuscitation Orders

The Board believes that staff members should not be placed in the position of determining whether or not to follow any parental or medical “do not resuscitate” orders. Staff shall not accept or follow any such orders except under the specific written direction of the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee may only direct a staff member to follow a “do not resuscitate” order if he/she has received a written parent/guardian authorization, with an authorized health care provider statement, and an order of an appropriate court.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all parents/guardians who have submitted a “do not resuscitate” order are informed of this policy.

B. Automated External Defibrillators

The Board authorizes the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at designated school sites for use by school employees in an emergency.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for employees regarding the use of these devices and shall ensure that employees receive information that describes sudden cardiac arrest, the school’s emergency response plan, and the proper use of an AED. The guidelines shall also specify the placement, security, and maintenance of the AED.

The authorization of AEDs in district schools shall not be deemed to create a guarantee that an AED will be present or will be used in the case of an emergency, or that a trained

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employee will be present and/or able to use an AED in an emergency or that the AED will operate properly.

Legal Reference: Education Code, Sections 32040-32044; 49300-49307; 49409; 49470; 49471; 49472; 49474; 51202; 49407; 49408
Civil Code, Section 1714.21
Family Code, Sections 6550-6552
Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.196; 1997.200; 1799.102
Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5193
Code of Regulations, Title 22, 100031-100042

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