

First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

No treatment of injuries except first aid shall be permitted in the schools. First aid is that immediate help given by the best qualified person at hand in case of accident or sudden illness.

Each school principal or designee shall maintain a First Aid Team including five (5) staff members with current first aid certification and two (2) members with current child/adult CPR certification. A master first aid kit shall be kept and properly maintained in each school.

Any person who in good faith provides emergency care or assistance without compensation at the place of the emergency or accident shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions in good faith. State law also exempts from civil liability certain health care providers who render emergency assistance in good faith and without compensation to persons injured in a competitive sport activity.

Treatment of injuries occurring outside school jurisdiction is not the responsibility of school employees.

No drugs shall be given at any time unless a parent/guardian and health care provider have given written authorization for their use.

The school's obligation continues after the injury until the injured student has been placed in the care of the parent/guardian or emergency health personnel. Therefore, the parents/guardians of all students shall be asked to sign and submit an emergency medical authorization card which shall indicate the procedure they wish the school to follow in the event of a medical emergency involving their child.

In all cases where the nature of an illness or injury appears serious, the parent/guardian shall be contacted if possible and the instructions on the student's emergency card followed. In extreme emergencies, where there is potential threat to life, limb, or digit, school personnel shall immediately call emergency health personnel to arrange for transporting the student to an emergency facility on advice of emergency health personnel.

If a student's parent/guardian have provided the school with a written signed order not to resuscitate in the event of a medical emergency, school personnel nonetheless shall obtain emergency assistance. School personnel then shall attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian regarding the medical emergency. If staff trained in CPR are available, immediate resuscitation measures may be undertaken only by them pending the arrival of assistance. Where the parent/guardian has given written permission to release the order not to resuscitate to emergency response personnel, the order shall be provided to such personnel.

No elementary student who is ill or injured shall be sent home alone nor shall a secondary student be sent home alone unless the illness is minor and the parent/guardian has consented in advance.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

Pursuant to statute, school districts must accept a donation of an AED that meets standards established by the Federal Food and Drug Administration and is in compliance with the

manufacturer's maintenance schedule. School districts must also accept gifts, grants and donations designated for obtaining AEDs and/or for the inspection, maintenance and training in the use of an AED.

The Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services or designee shall insure that applicable laws, regulations, procedures and Board policy are complied with, and that a quality assurance program is in place for donated AEDs. A written plan regarding the donation and use of AEDs including the acceptable brands and models, the appropriate sites, and the appropriate location(s) within the site, based on the American Heart Association guidelines and emergency medical response practices shall be in place and updated as needed. A quality assurance plan will also be established to monitor and evaluate training, maintenance and incident response.

All persons who are identified users will be trained in first aid, CPR and AED use, and will maintain required certifications.

The Superintendent or designee will be authorized to sign related contracts e.g. maintenance contracts, training contracts. District funds may not be used to purchase AEDs without Board approval.

Note: A health care provider is defined as an M.D., D.O., Nurse Practitioner, P.A., Dentist or Psychiatrist.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 13-21-108 civil immunity for persons rendering emergency assistance
C.R.S. 13-21-108.5 civil immunity for health care providers who assist in sports injuries
C.R.S. 22-1-125 requirements concerning automated external defibrillators in schools
C.R.S. 24-10-106.5 public entity duty of care
6 CCR 1010-6, Rules 9-102 State Board of Health Rules and Regulations Governing Schools - first aid certification requirement

CROSS REFS.: GBGAB, First Aid Training
JLIB, Student Dismissal Precautions
JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students
KH, Public Gifts to Schools

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