



FIRST AID

The school is responsible for giving first aid or emergency treatment only in case of sudden illness or injury to a pupil or a member of the staff. Further medical attention in the case of a pupil is the responsibility of the parent or guardian, the school nurse, or the person designated for emergencies.

First aid is defined as the immediate and temporary care given in case of an accident or sudden illness, which enables the child to be taken safely home or to a physician. It does not include diagnosis or treatment. Any care beyond first aid will not be given.

Each principal or the school nurse will be charged with directing the immediate care of ill or injured persons who come within his/her area of responsibility.

At each school, procedures for the proper handling of such emergencies are usually taken care of by the school nurse or other trained office personnel and made known to the staff. These will incorporate the following requirements:

1. No treatment except first aid is permitted in schools. The school's responsibility is to place the ill or injured student in the care of the home or family physician as soon as possible.
2. Teachers, the school nurse, or other trained persons, or bus drivers if the injury occurs on a school bus, will be responsible for administering first aid to students with minor injuries such as scratches, abrasions, bruises, etc.
3. A master first aid kit will be kept and properly maintained in each school and each school bus.
4. Medications will be administered by the school nurse or other trained office personnel, with a signed consent form and the medicine in its original bottle/container.
5. In all cases where the nature of an illness or an injury appears serious, the parent or guardian will be contacted if possible, and parent/guardian may need to come and pick up the child. Thus, in extreme emergencies, 911 may be called whether or not the parent or guardian can be reached. School personnel will continue to phone the parent until contact is made.
7. No young child who is ill or injured will be sent home alone, nor will an older child unless the illness is minor and the parent or guardian has been informed in advance.

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