

ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN ILLNESSES OCCURRING IN SCHOOLS

Policy Statement

First Aid, the immediate and temporary care given to a student whose sickness or injury occurs on school premises during school hours or in school sponsored activities, shall be the responsibility of the school until assumed by parent or guardian. Care may be given by school nurse, school health aide, principal or designee. If condition warrants immediate action for saving life, services of a physician are obtained or student is moved to a hospital. A First Aid program in the school centers around three basic problems: (1) care of seriously injured students (2) care of suddenly ill students, and (3) minor first aid care of students.

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Regulations

A. Care of Seriously Injured Students

1. The conditions that would warrant immediate action are, but are not limited to, severe injury, sudden collapse (heart attack or cerebral accident), asphyxiation, ingestion of poison. If condition warrants immediate action for saving life call Emergency Medical Service (911). This decision shall be made by the nurse, school health aide and/or principal or designee at the time of the incident.
2. The nurse, school health aide, principal or designee shall contact the Director of Nursing (see Appendix A) for additional assistance or advice.
3. The nurse, school health aide, principal or designee shall direct ambulance driver to the hospital requested by parent. If no hospital has been specified, then direct driver to nearest hospital.
4. The nurse, school health aide, principal or designee shall notify the parent by phone as soon as possible.
5. The principal or designee will notify the Superintendent of Schools as soon as possible after attention is given to the injured student.
6. The principal will obtain statements from persons who may have witnessed the accident. These statements shall be filed in writing with the usual accident report to the Superintendent of Schools.
7. Only the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, or his/her designee may release news of the incident.

B. Care of Suddenly Ill Students

1. Care shall be given as directed in the procedure outlined in the Standing Orders of the Trumbull Nursing Service.
2. Care by the principal or designee may be given in the absence of the school nurse or school health aide.
3. If necessary to send student home the parent or person delegated by parent to assume responsibility shall be notified.
4. Sick students are not to be sent home alone. In all instances the responsibility for providing transportation home, to doctor's office, etc., rests with the parent or person delegated by parent to assume responsibility.

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Regulations cont'd.

5. Parents shall be instructed to consult family physician if deemed advisable.

C. Minor First Aid Care

1. First aid shall be administered only by the school nurse, school health aide or officially trained school personnel as directed in Standing Orders.
2. The school nurse, school health aide, principal or designee shall review with the student the cause of the accident leading to first aid treatment in an attempt to prevent further recurrences.
3. Students, depending on age and individual ability, may be taught by the school nurse to take care of their own minor medical needs under supervision of the nurse.

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Reference

- Standing Orders, Trumbull Nursing Service.

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APPENDIX A

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