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A. EMERGENCY CARE PROVIDERS

1. The principal shall designate an individual(s) to serve as the medical first aider(s). Each school will have at least one person trained in medical first aid. It is the responsibility of the principal to have a plan of action in place that will utilize the skills of the medical first aider(s).
2. Training including annual retraining shall be provided to staff members designated as medical first aiders. In addition, special inservice sessions will be provided as needed for staff concerning health care procedures such as medication administration, bloodborne pathogens standards, frequent acute and chronic illnesses/diseases and confidentiality in the schools.
3. School employees and volunteers, other than health care professionals, who in good faith render emergency care to a student are immune from civil liability for any of their acts or omissions in rendering such emergency care.

B. EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARDS

1. Emergency information cards shall be completed for each student and employee in the District and kept on file in the principal's or immediate supervisor's office.
2. Student emergency information cards or their facsimiles shall be readily available at all out-of-school activities, including field trips and sporting events.
3. Student emergency information cards shall be made available to school officials determined to have legitimate educational interests, including safety interests, in the information. Such persons may include, but not necessarily be limited to, teachers, substitute teachers, guidance counselors, educational assistants, and other designated support staff, school nurses, coaches, advisors, activity chaperones and administrators.
4. The emergency information cards of high-risk students should be highlighted with a red tab by the school nurse. On-going monitoring and assurance of student medical needs should be provided and implementation practices for each student in each school should be evaluated at least on a quarterly basis.
5. Students with medical problems such as diabetes, epilepsy, allergies, etc., should be encouraged to wear "Medical Alert" identification.

C. GENERAL EMERGENCY CARE PROCEDURES

1. Schools are to provide only immediate and temporary care.
2. Principals are to be notified of all emergency care given.
3. Parents/guardians are to be notified using the emergency information card for necessary information.

4. Students who are sick or have mild injuries should be escorted to a given destination and supervised until the parent/guardian assumes responsibility.
5. In case of serious injury or illness, do not move student. Initiate school emergency plan including immediately calling 911. The school is not expected to transport injured/ill students. The Office of Human Resources Insurance Claims Management Specialists should be notified immediately when a rescue squad is called and office staff will notify the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Students who are sick or have been injured should not be placed on a school bus. Parent/guardian should be called to escort student home. Exceptions may be made by the principal where warranted.

7. The District's bloodborne pathogens standards and procedures (exposure control plan) shall be consistently followed.

D. ACCIDENTS OR ILLNESSES OCCURRING AT SCHOOL

1. In cases where communicable diseases are suspected, the student shall be referred to the office. The office will notify the student's parent/guardian and recommend physician's care.
2. In case of injury to a student, the individual on duty will:
 - a. Direct others to stay back.
 - b. Notify the school office.
 - c. Keep the injured calm.

The office will contact the medical first aider and/or parent/guardian. The principal and/or the medical first aider will decide the course of action to follow.

3. Accidents shall be reported to the Office of Human Resources Insurance Claims Management Specialists in accordance with Board policy and established procedures.

E. ACCIDENTS OR ILLNESSES OCCURRING AT ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

1. Procedures identified above for injuries or illnesses occurring at school are to be followed. Copies of emergency cards are to accompany students on field trips. Access to a telephone for 911 services is essential. School procedures for administering medication are to be followed.
2. Where necessary, special education students shall be accompanied on field trips and other activities by trained staff.

3. A cellular telephone shall be available on all field trips where regular telephones are not readily available.
4. Accidents shall be reported to the Office of Human Resources District Insurance Claims Management Specialist in accordance with Board policy and established procedures.

F. NOTICE AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

1. A laminated card, detailing the District emergency/911 plan should be prominently displayed in each classroom and school area.
2. Emergency telephone numbers shall be properly posted at each telephone.
3. All student illness and injury complaints shall be documented, along with interventions illnesses and injuries should be documented, regardless of their severity.