

ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES

The superintendent shall protect the health of all students in case of accidents and emergencies. He/she shall implement plans whereby students may receive immediate competent medical attention. The board shall not assume any responsibility for the cost of medical treatment whether due to accident or illness.

Any accident, injury, or serious illness which occurs on school property should be reported to the principal immediately. Accidents and injuries that can reasonably be expected to require further medical treatment should be documented using Form EBBA-F and submitted to the Assistant Superintendent. A copy of Form EBBA-F should be placed in the student's scholastic record. This is essential for medical and insurance purposes.

In the case of students who are injured at school, every effort shall be made to immediately contact the parent or guardian. If they cannot be reached, the student will be transported by the most appropriate means to emergency treatment. Under no circumstances shall the student be permitted to go home alone.

In the case of employees who are injured at school, procedures for filing a workman's compensation claim shall be followed.

The principal shall report serious accidents to the office of the Superintendent.

Emergency Care:
School Personnel:

1. Shall render emergency care only to students who are injured at school. Students who are injured at home or in areas for which the school is not responsible shall not be treated by school personnel.
2. Shall proceed on the assumption of maximum disability in the event the severity of an injury cannot be determined.
3. Shall see that first aid kits are handily available when students are conducted on field trips.
4. Shall under no circumstances stipulate or imply to anyone that they or the school are responsible or liable for an accident. Responsibility or cause and payment of doctor bills are to be decided by the insurance carrier.
5. Shall notify the parent before a physician is contacted except in cases of extreme emergency. This must be a matter of judgment. The decision to contact a physician immediately should be made if it is in the best interest of the student.

6. Shall remain with the student if an injury to a student requires removing the student to a doctor's office or hospital, until a parent or guardian has been contacted and arrives on the scene.

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