

Integrated Day Charter School
Governing Board



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STUDENTS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

The Board of Directors will provide a part-time registered nurse who, in consultation with the medical advisor, will usually handle any medical care which may be required. In case of an anaphylactic reaction, or the risk of such reaction, a school nurse may administer emergency oral and/or injectable medication to any student in need on the school grounds or at a school function according to the standing orders of the chief medical advisor or the student's private physician. If the nurse is not immediately available, the director will be notified that a medical emergency exists. This may be accomplished by contacting him/her directly or by notifying his/her secretary. The director will make a decision concerning the category of the emergency and follow the appropriate course of action.

In the event that an error occurs in the administration of medication, the procedures outlined in **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION #5306.1** will be implemented.

Category I – Requires Immediate Life Saving Treatment, e.g., (anaphylactic shock, electric shock, cardiac arrest, choking)

One of the staff members who have taken a certified first aid course, which includes injection techniques will be called upon to handle the problem. After initiating this action, the director or designated staff member will immediately dial 911 for an ambulance. Standing orders provided by the school medical advisor will be used as a guide for the type of first aid treatment administered. The patient will always be taken to an emergency room, even if first aid treatment has stabilized the condition.

Category II – Requires Immediate Treatment at a Medical Facility, e.g., (severe fractures, concussion, heat exhaustion, drug overdose, severe lacerations, internal bleeding). The same procedure as discussed in Category I emergencies will be followed with the exception that the patient will be taken to a medical facility even if first aid treatment has stabilized the condition.

Category III – Medical Attention Desirable Within 1 – 2 Hours, e.g., (minor fractures, minor laceration, bites, stings, burns, etc)

One of the staff members mentioned in Category I will be contacted to provide treatment as recommended in the Standing Orders provided by the medical advisor. Parents or guardians will be notified of the problem and advised to seek medical attention for their child. If the parent or guardian cannot be reached, the director will take the child to the nearest medical facility for treatment.

Category IV - First Aid Treatment Can Be Handled by a Staff Member Trained in Emergency First Aid, e.g., (lacerations not requiring sutures, fever, sprains, insulin reaction)

One of the staff members trained in emergency first aid will provide treatment as recommended in Standing Orders, notify parents, refer child to a medical facility or call 911 if necessary.

Category V – Small or Minor Emergencies, e.g., (minor complaints, abrasions, headache, common cold, itches)

The Director or teacher on the First Aid/CPR/AED Training List may provide treatment as described in Standing Orders, notify parents and advise medical care if necessary.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes
Sec. 10-205 Appointment of School Medical Advisor
Sec. 10-212 – School Nurse
Sec. 10-212a-h - Administration of Medicines by School Personnel
Sec. 52-557b – Good Samaritan Law
Public Act 80-440 – School Health

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5308, 5308.1