

FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

First aid is that immediate help given by the best-qualified person at hand in case of accidents or sudden illness. Any person who in good faith provides emergency care or assistance without compensation at the place of the emergency or accident will not be liable for any civic damages for acts or omissions in good faith.

No drugs will be given at any time except for aromatic spirits or ammonia in case of fainting. The administering of acetaminophen for head aches or pain and giving of sodium bicarbonate without authorization from parent/guardian is prohibited.

The school's obligation continues after the emergency until the injured person has been placed in the care of the parent /guardian or a physician. Therefore, the parents/guardian of all students will be asked to sign and submit an emergency medical card which will indicate the procedure they wish the school to follow in event of a medical emergency involving their child.

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. For the purpose of this policy, a young child will be considered one who has not entered high school.

Any child who is sick or injured should be taken or sent to the school nurse or if she/he is absent, to the school administrator. The person or persons listed on Emergency Card of the pupil should be contacted and they will pick the student up and take him/her home. If no one can be located and there is no one at the child's home, the school will keep the child at school unless the illness is severe, and then the child will be taken to the clinic.

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