

STUDENT ILLNESS OR INJURY AT SCHOOL

School personnel will notify the building principal or the school nurse when a student becomes ill or is injured at school or at a school-sponsored activity. When the illness/injury warrants, the student will be transported in the most appropriate manner to a medical facility and the parent/guardian will be notified.

Authorized school personnel will administer emergency or minor first aid when needed. However, the Board is not responsible for the medical treatment of students; the responsibility of the school is to see to it that an ill or injured student receives prompt, competent attention and is turned over to the care of the parents/guardians or qualified medical personnel as quickly as possible.

The principal or the nurse has the authority to refuse attendance at school of any student suspected of being a health risk to other students or himself/herself, until the parent/guardian of the student furnishes a release from their physician to the effect that such student does not have the disease, injury, or illness and is not a risk to their health or the health of others. Parent/guardian notification and standard procedures should be followed when refusing attendance.

If, in the judgment of school personnel, the student, upon returning from a non-contagious illness, appears fully recovered, no physician's release should be required. If, however, there is doubt about the student's condition, school personnel should consult the nurse. If the nurse is in doubt, a physician's release may be required. In most cases, this can be secured by the nurse telephoning the physician who has the case. If there has been no physician, the student should be sent home with a note to the parent/guardian requesting that the physician's release be secured and presented when the student returns.

Accident forms are available in each school office and are to be filed with the school nurse as soon as feasible following injuries. School personnel who are responsible for the student at the time of the injury will initiate the form. Any injury which personnel consider as requiring professional medical attention, parent/guardian observation or possible absence from classes/activities is a reportable injury.

Annually, parents are required to complete a medical emergency authorization form indicating the procedures to be followed, if possible, in an emergency involving their child. The authorization form will also include the phone numbers of the parents and alternative numbers to call in case of an injury or illness.

The superintendent is responsible, in conjunction with the school nurse, to develop rules and regulations governing the procedure in the event a student should become ill or be injured at school.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 613.17

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