

Student Accident and Injuries - Treatment and Reporting

Statement of Policy

The District places a high priority on the safety and well-being of its students and desires to foster a safe environment for its students. Therefore, all efforts will be made to ensure the safety of students. However, recognizing that accidents and injuries do occur, the Board requires that all accidents occurring at school or during school activities shall be reported to the school nurse. These, in turn, will be reported to the administration through the periodic reports of the school nurse.

Treatment of Student Injuries

The Board requires that procedures be developed to provide care to students who sustain injuries while on school property during the school day or during school-sponsored activities. Such procedures shall include provision of immediate care, notification to the child's parent or guardian and, where appropriate, transportation for the child.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall promulgate regulations setting forth a general procedure for student accidents which:

1. Provides specific notification procedures for serious accidents, including any type of head, heart, brain, neck or back injury.
2. Assigns the principal of each building to implement and standardize the regulations and procedures to cover injury reporting.

Additional Procedures for the Evaluation and Management of Student-Athlete Brain Injuries and Sudden Cardiac Arrest

The Superintendent shall establish and promulgate regulations regarding the following:

1. Providing student-athletes and their parents with information regarding the evaluation and management of sudden cardiac arrest and concussions.
2. Use of computerized baseline neurological testing to monitor neurological health of student-athletes in designated interscholastic and club sports.
3. Evaluation by athletic trainers and other qualified persons of student-athlete brain injuries and of student-athletes experiencing sudden cardiac arrest during interscholastic and club sports games and other activities.
4. Management of student-athlete brain injuries and sudden cardiac arrest incidents irrespective of when and where injury is sustained and whether or not associated with loss of consciousness.

5. Limitations on participation in interscholastic and club sports games and other activities by student-athletes who have sustained brain injuries or experienced sudden cardiac arrest.
6. Mandatory reporting of student-athlete brain injuries and incidents of sudden cardiac arrest by coaches, trainers and parents to a designated administrator.
7. Disciplinary consequences for District employees who fail to follow regulations regarding the restrictions placed on student-athletes who have sustained brain injuries or have experienced sudden cardiac arrest, and for District employees who fail to follow the reporting requirements for student-athlete brain injuries and incidents of sudden cardiac arrest.

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