

DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS

Definition: A “Do Not Resuscitate” (DNR) Order means a parent’s or physician’s written request to withhold life saving techniques or resuscitative measures in the event of a respiratory or cardiac arrest suffered by a severely impaired or terminally ill student.

The School District believes that a decision not to resuscitate a student or initiate life-saving measures is a medical judgment best made by a physician in the context of a clinic, hospital, or other medical facility, based upon the particular circumstances presented by the student. The School District’s ability and responsibility to make such judgments is substantially limited. The Board of Education takes the position that its paramount responsibility is to protect the health and well-being of all students and school personnel. Great emotional trauma could result to students and school personnel if school personnel are required to stand by, unable to render aid to a student in distress. Accordingly, it is the policy of the Board that School District officials and employees shall not accept nor retain DNR orders presented by parents or physicians.

The policy of the Board that School District officials and employees shall not accept nor retain a DNR request presented by a parent or guardian specifically applies to the student while the student is being transported on a school bus, school-owned activity vehicle, or SUV (see Paragraph (8) of Subsection A of 6.41.4.8 NMAC).

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LEGAL REF.: 6.41.4.8 NMAC

CROSS REF.: EBC-RC – Emergencies (First Aid)