

## POLICY

It is the policy of XXXX that all students will receive immediate first aid and emergency medical services, including CPR and activation of 911 emergency medical services, when a medical crisis or life-threatening incident occurs on district premises.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a guideline for District health-care practitioners (hereinafter referred to as school nurse), who under certain circumstances may accommodate a Do Not Resuscitate Order (DNR) that is approved by a student's primary care practitioner.

A student with a Do Not Resuscitation (DNR) order shall have an Individualized Healthcare Plan (IHP) developed by the appropriate school nurse with input from parents or guardians, the student's healthcare practitioner, administrators, teachers, local emergency medical services, and when appropriate, the student in order to support the student's access to education and palliative health care.

In the event that a school nurse declines to comply with a DNR, the parent will be advised of that fact and the District will make all reasonable efforts to help the parent locate a new placement that is willing to comply with the DNR.

The Superintendent shall promulgate a XXX for the implementation of this policy.

### *Definitions:*

- A. "health-care practitioner" means an individual licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or permitted by law to provide health care in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession;
- B. "Individualized Healthcare Plan" or "IHP": a plan written by the certified school nurse that details accommodations and/or nursing services to be provided to a student because of the student's medical condition based on medical orders written by the student's primary care practitioner;
- C. "Do Not Resuscitate order" or "DNR order": a written directive signed by the parent or guardian of a student who, after consultation with the primary care practitioner, declines emergency administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) to the student;
- D. "primary care practitioner" means a health-care practitioner designated by an individual or the individual's agent, guardian or surrogate to have primary responsibility for the individual's health care; and
- E. "qualified health-care professional" means a health-care practitioner who is a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse, psychologist or social worker

### References

#### Legal Cross Ref.:

- NMSA 1978, §24-10B-4
  - NMSA 1978, §24-7A-E
  - NMSA 1978, §24-7A-G
  - NMSA 1978, §24-7A-1
  - NMSA 1978, §24-10B-3
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## PROCEDURE/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

In order for XXXX to recognize a Do Not Resuscitate Order as legally binding, the order must be presented to **the Superintendent, the school nurse and the school principal** and must meet the following requirements:

1. The document must be an original Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order completed and signed by the physician and the parent(s)/legal guardian(s);
2. An Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Do Not Resuscitate form must be completed and signed by the physician and the parent(s)/legal guardian(s);
3. All DNR forms must be an original document; and
4. Upon turning eighteen (18) years of age, the student shall be required to grant Do Not Resuscitate authorization unless custody of the student has been legally awarded to a guardian.

Upon receipt of a Do Not Resuscitate order, the Superintendent and the school principal and the licensed school nurse shall immediately initiate the following procedures:

1. Upon receiving a Do Not Resuscitate order, a conference shall be arranged with the parent(s)/legal guardian(s), the local Emergency Medical Service providers and appropriate school staff and health providers to outline expectations and procedures and to develop or amend an Individualized Healthcare Plan (IHP).
2. An IHP, which follows the health care provider's orders, shall be developed and include delegation of care to be addressed in the student's IHP. The healthcare plan shall be written by a qualified school nurse, in collaboration with the parent(s)/ legal guardian(s) and shall be reviewed and updated as needed at the beginning of each **semester**. If the student receives special education services, the healthcare plan shall be reviewed as part of the student's Individual Education Plan and/or 504 Plan and updated as needed. All meetings, expectations and procedures shall be documented in the student's health record.
3. The health care provider's Do Not Resuscitate order and Emergency Medical Services Do Not Resuscitate form shall be documented on the student's emergency contact card and submitted to the school nurse.
4. Student confidentiality shall be maintained as much as possible. Only school staff with a legitimate need-to-know shall be informed of the Do Not Resuscitate order. The parent(s)/legal guardian(s) shall be advised that anyone who is not directly informed about the Do Not Resuscitate order and all staff not authorized to adhere to a Do Not Resuscitate order, shall otherwise follow District policy and procedural directives and initiate resuscitation.
5. The licensed school nurse/school nurse practitioner shall be responsible for ensuring that all staff members who are informed of the Do Not Resuscitate order are trained to follow the expected procedures as delineated in the student's healthcare plan.

A Do Not Resuscitate order may be revoked at any time by:

- A. Physical destruction of the Do Not Resuscitate order form with the consent of the authorized decision-maker; or
- B. An oral statement by the authorized decision-maker to resuscitate. Staff informed about the original Do Not Resuscitate order shall be informed of its revocation. Record of the revocation shall be made on the student's health record.