

FIRST AID

The District strives to provide a safe environment. If an accident or sudden illness occurs, school personnel will administer first aid and, if warranted, call emergency medical services.

First aid is defined as the care given to a student who is experiencing a sudden illness or injury with the intention to save a life, to prevent the worsening of the condition, or to promote recovery. It does not include diagnosis or treatment.

First aid procedures will be in accordance with current best practice and will incorporate the following requirements:

1. The school nurse or another trained person will be responsible for administering first aid.
2. When an illness or an injury is serious, staff will call emergency medical services (EMS) first. Every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian as soon as possible after calling EMS.
3. No young child who is ill or injured will be sent home alone at the end of the school day nor will any older child unless the illness or injury is minor. A young child who is ill or injured will not be sent home unless it is known that someone is there to receive them.
4. The school nurse, administrator, or staff member in charge shall complete an accident report form when a student is injured in school or at a school-sponsored event.
5. Accident report forms are kept in each school health office and incidents are entered into the student's health record.

Automated External Defibrillators

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are placed in each school for use by designated personnel who have been trained in the use of AEDs. The Superintendent or Nurse Leader shall develop guidelines for employees regarding the use of these devices and shall ensure that employees receive training on their proper use and handling. The guidelines shall also specify the placement, security and maintenance as well as recommended use of the AED.

The authorization of AEDs in the District's schools shall not be deemed to create a guarantee or obligation to use the AED in the case of an emergency, nor any expectation that an AED or trained employee will be present and/or able to use an AED in an emergency or any expectation that the AED will operate properly.

REFERENCES: MGL 71:55A and 71:56
ABRSC Policy JLC, Student Health Services and Requirements

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