

Students with Comfort Care / Do Not Resuscitate Orders

It is the policy of the Saugus School Committee that all students will receive immediate treatment and first aid, including CPR, and activation of 911 emergency medical services (EMS) if they suffer a medically life threatening event at school. An exception to this policy occurs when a student's physician has issued a written Comfort Care/Do Not Resuscitate (CC/DNR) Order with written authorization of the child's parent(s)/guardian(s), or by the student himself if 18 years of age or older, and with expressed written instruction that school and staff not to resuscitate . The order will be maintained within the student's records and can be rescinded at any time with the written request of the parent(s)/guardian(s) or the student himself if 18 years of age or older.

When CC/DNR is ordered by a physician, special consideration must be given to meeting the student's and family needs as well as the needs of the other students and staff. Respecting the family's wishes involves extensive pre-planning in the school setting. The student should be placed only in a school that has a full-time school nurse. The school nurse, with written permission from the parent/guardian, will inform the local EMS that there is a child in a specific school building with a CC/DNR Order.

Students with a CC/DNR will have an individualized health care plan (IHCP), including an emergency response plan, should be developed by the school nurse in collaboration with the family, the child's physician, the school nurse leader and the school physician. The school nurse leader and school nurse, with written permission from the parent/guardian, will convey the IHCP to the Superintendent, administrators, and appropriate school staff, and serve as a resource for concerns and/or questions.

Student confidentiality must be maintained. The parent/guardian has the ultimate authority to decide who is to be informed. The parent/guardian should be advised that anyone who is not directly informed about the CC/DNR Order would otherwise follow the Saugus School Committee policy and initiate CPR.

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