

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 5141

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SUBJECT: Student Health Care and Emergencies

The Ventura County Board of Education and County Superintendent recognize the importance of taking appropriate action whenever an accident or illness threatens the safety, health, or welfare of a student at school or during school-sponsored activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to ensure that first aid and/or medical attention is provided as quickly as possible when accidents and injuries to students occur and that parents/guardians are notified as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall ask parents/guardians to provide emergency contact information in order to facilitate communication in the event of an accident or illness.

County staff shall appropriately report and document student accidents.

“DO NOT RESUSCITATE” ORDERS

The Board believes that staff members should not be placed in the position of determining whether or not to follow any parental or medical "do not resuscitate" orders. Staff shall not accept or follow any such orders except under the specific written direction of the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee may only direct a staff member to follow a "do not resuscitate" order if he/she has received a written parent/guardian authorization, with an authorized health care provider statement, and an order of an appropriate court.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians who have submitted a "do not resuscitate" order are informed of this policy.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEBRILLATORS

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at designated school sites for use by school employees in an emergency.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for employees regarding these devices and shall ensure that employees receive information that describes sudden cardiac arrest, the school's emergency response plan, and the proper use of an AED. The guidelines shall also specify the placement, security, and maintenance of the AED.

The authorization of AEDs in district schools shall not be deemed to create a guarantee that an AED will be present or will be used in the case of an emergency, or that a trained employee will be present and/or able to use an AED in an emergency, or that the AED will operate properly.

The Board recognizes the importance of taking appropriate action whenever an accident or illness threatens the safety, health or welfare of a student at school or during school-sponsored activities. To facilitate immediate contact with parents/guardians on such occasions, the Board requires parents/guardians to furnish the schools with the current information specified below:

1. Home address and telephone number.
2. Parent/guardian's business address and telephone number.
3. Name, address and telephone number of a relative or friend who is authorized by the parent/guardian to care for the student in cases of emergency when the parent/guardian cannot be reached.
4. Local physician to call in case of emergency.

Students being released for health care and emergencies reasons must be checked out of the school through the school office by the parent/guardian or their designee.

Under Education Code Section 49407, no officer of any school or school principal shall be held liable for the reasonable treatment of a student without the consent of the parent/guardian when the student is ill or injured during the regular school hours, requiring reasonable medical treatment, and the parent/guardian cannot be reached, unless a written objection to medical treatment has been filed with the school.

The Board believes that staff members should not be placed in the position of determining whether or not to follow any parental or medical "do not resuscitate" orders. Staff shall not accept or follow any such orders. In addition, staff shall not take responsibility for accepting, maintaining and transmitting to emergency medical care personnel any written requests from parents that emergency services be withheld. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all parents/guardians are informed of this policy.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32040-32044	First aid equipment
49300-49307	School safety patrols
49407	Liability for treatment
49408	Emergency information
49409	Athletic events; physicians and surgeons; emergency medical care; immunity
49417	Automated external defibrillators
49470	Medical and hospital services for athletic program
49471	Medical and hospital services not provided or available
49472	Medical and hospital services for pupils
49474	Ambulance services
51202	Instruction in personal and public health and safety

CIVIL CODE

1714.21	Defibrillators; CPR; immunity from civil liability
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FAMILY CODE

6550-6552	Caregivers
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HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1797.196	Automated external defibrillators, immunity from civil liability
1797.200	Emergency medical services agency
1799.102	Personal liability immunity

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193	California Bloodborne Pathogens Standard
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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

100031-100042	Automated external defibrillators
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Management Resources:

WEB SITES

American Heart Association: <http://www.americanheart.org>

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>

California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov>