

## **Response to Student Injury or Illness**

### **EVALUATION**

When a student is injured or ill at school or during any school-sponsored activity to any degree, it is the responsibility of staff to see that immediate care and attention is provided to the student unless or until the staff member is relieved by a staff member certified in first aid, a nurse, a doctor, or emergency personnel.

Except in cases of very minor injuries (e.g., cuts, scrapes, rug burns) that, in the judgment of the school nurse or a staff member certified in first aid or principal designee, do not pose a serious health risk to the student and will not worsen if the student remains at school, the principal or designee and school nurse (if not already notified) will be promptly notified of any student's: 1) injury; 2) illness; or 3) physical trauma that could have caused injuries as yet unobservable.

The school nurse or a staff member certified in first aid will determine whether the injury, illness or trauma is serious enough to warrant calling 911. Upon a finding that it is not, either individual will provide appropriate first aid to the student consistent with their training.

### **EMERGENCY TREATMENT**

Upon recommendation of the school nurse or a staff member certified in first aid, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be called immediately and the student will be transported to the hospital by EMS. Students with uncontrolled bleeding and those who have suffered temporary suffocation, cardiac arrest, fractures or head, neck, eye, ear or spinal injuries will only be moved and transported by EMS.

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN OR EMERGENCY CONTACT NOTIFICATION**

Except in cases of very minor injuries as described above, the principal or designee will notify the parent (or, if the parent cannot be reached, the emergency contact), to advise them of the student's condition as soon as practicable.

The student's parent or emergency contact will decide, in non-emergency cases, whether: 1) the parent or emergency contact will transport the student to the hospital; 2) the parent/~~guardian~~ or emergency contact will pick up the student; or 3) the student will remain at school.

### **ADVANCED DIRECTIVES**

The district will consult with its legal counsel prior to accepting any advance directives to physicians to limit medical treatment.

## CLASSROOM HEAD LICE MANAGEMENT

When a student is suspected of having head lice, the office staff should examine the student's scalp in the health room. To provide privacy and protect the identity of the student, please close health room door prior to examining for head lice.

### LIVE LICE DISCOVERED

Students identified with live lice should be sent home only when a parent/guardian can be contacted. If a parent/guardian cannot be contacted, the student should return to class for the rest of the day, because head lice are shared only by close contact. The student who has been identified with live lice may return to school when the parent/ guardian reports having treated the student. In the event that there is an outbreak in a classroom, the informational dual-language head lice letter for parents/guardians will be distributed to families of classmates. The letter encourages parents to examine their own children, and advises of care options. An outbreak is defined as: three or more students within a classroom with live lice, who do not have close contact with each other, within a consecutive 2-week period.

If the student returns to school and nits are still present, but there are not any live lice, the student may remain in school. However, if live lice are found on return to school after treatment, the student will need to immediately go home. The parent needs to work nightly on removing any remaining nits that may still be present.

Parents will be sent reminder via phone or mail 7-10 days after first treatment reminding to retreat their student per treatment directions, as different treatments have different recommendations.

### ONLY NITS DISCOVERED

Look for the presence of nits located within 1/4-inch of the scalp. Nits located further from the scalp have most likely hatched and indicate lice have been present for some time. The student, who is found with nits within 1/4-inch of the scalp, should stay in class until the end of the day. Notify the parent/guardian, and advise parent/guardian of care options. Parents are asked to continue daily efforts to remove nits that are located close to the scalp.

No student should have to miss more than one school day for head lice management.

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