School Administrative Unit # 77
Monroe School District
School Board Policy

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Do Not Resuscitate Orders

A. DNR Order & Authorization Requirements. A Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Order must meet the following criteria:

1. An order with the original signature of a physician or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), and a form meeting the requirements of RSA 137-J:26 (e.g., a state or local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Attempt to Resuscitate form) must be completed by the physician/ARPN and the parent/guardian and submitted to the school. Photocopies or facsimiles are not acceptable. The physician/APRN order may be included on the DNR form.

2. When a student is 18 years of age or older, the DNR authorization must be made by the student, unless custody of the student has been legally awarded to a parent/guardian.

B. Procedures for and after Presentation of DNR Form to District.

1. A DNR order should only be received on behalf of the District by the school nurse or Principal. Any other employee receiving a DNR order for a student should immediately provide the original DNR order to the school nurse or Principal.

2. Once the school nurse or Principal has received a DNR order, that fact shall immediately be communicated to the Superintendent, the school nurse and the Principal.

3. The Principal will promptly schedule a conference with the parent/guardian, the local EMS providers, appropriate school staff, with health providers as necessary. A plan of care, which follows the physician's/APRN orders, will be developed and include goals, outcomes and delegation of care to be addressed in the student's Individualized Healthcare Plan (IHP). The healthcare plan will be written by the school nurse, in collaboration with the parent/guardian, and is to be reviewed at the beginning of each school year and as part of each IEP and/or 504 plan (if applicable) and updated as needed. All proceedings are to be documented in the student's health record. The IHP will specify which life-sustaining procedures will be used by district personnel in the case of an emergency.

4. The physician/APRN's order and EMS DNR form must be documented on the student's Emergency Card and in the student's health record. DNR orders are to be reviewed at the beginning of each school year and as part of each IEP or 504 plan (if applicable).

5. Student confidentiality will be maintained as much as possible. Only school staff with a legitimate need-to- know will be informed of the DNR order. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will be advised that anyone who is not directly informed about the DNR order will otherwise follow Board policy and initiate resuscitation.

6. The school nurse will be responsible for ensuring that all staff members who are to be informed of the DNR order are trained to follow the expected procedures as delineated in the student's healthcare plan.

C. Procedures for Implementing a Do Not Resuscitate Order. If a student with a DNR order suffers a cardiac or respiratory arrest at school, the following will be implemented:

1. Activate Emergency Medical Services.

2. Contact the parent/guardian – whenever possible, two school personnel together should contact the parent/guardian.

3. Isolate the student and maintain as normal an atmosphere as possible in the school or site.

4. Contact the physician who wrote the DNR order – only if time permits.

5. If a student with a DNR order dies while at school, the school principal or designee will inform the appropriate state or local medical officials, the Superintendent, and the school nurse as soon as possible. The body may not be moved until authorized by the Office of the Medical Investigator.

6. Grief counseling resources for school employees can be obtained from the Employee Assistance Program; and for students, from the Student Support Services Non-Crisis Counseling Team.

7. When appropriate, a District Crisis Counseling Team will be activated to provide assistance at the school.

D. Revocation of a Do Not Resuscitate Order.

1. The DNR order may be revoked at any time by:

    a. Physical destruction of the DNR Order form with the consent of the authorized decision-maker; or

    b. An oral statement by the authorized decision-maker.

For the purposes of this section, “authorized decision-maker” shall mean the student/s parent/guardian, the student if over the age of eighteen unless custody of the student has been legally awarded to a guardian, or a health care “agent” (i.e., adult to whom authority to make health care decisions is delegated under an advance directive meeting the requirements of RSA 137-J:20.

2. Staff who have been informed about the original DNR order will be informed of its revocation.

3. Written record of the revocation will be made on the student's health record.

4. The fact of the revocation will be communicated in writing to the Principal, Superintendent, school nurse, and physician/APRN who issued the DNR.

Legal Reference:
NH Statutes
RSA 137-J:26
RSA 137-J:27
RSA 137-J:29
Federal Statutes
20 U.S.C. §1400-1417
29 U.S.C. § 794
42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.

Cross Reference:
JLC
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