

## STUDENTS

### SAFETY AND RESPONSE TO INJURY

#### General Safety

The safety of students is taken very seriously by District personnel. The District will take all appropriate steps to monitor the safety of students in all school buildings and grounds. The District's goals and objectives relating to safety include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Maintaining a safe school environment (life-safety consultants shall be called in periodically to inspect the physical condition of all buildings and grounds).
2. Observation of safe practices of school personnel and students, particularly in those areas of instruction of extracurricular activities which may provide special hazards.
3. Offering safety education to students in particular subjects, such as laboratory courses in science, shop courses, and health and physical education.
4. Providing immediate and appropriate aid for students in case of accident or sudden illness.

#### Collaboration with Law Enforcement

In addition to the above safety measures, school personnel have been advised to watch for suspicious strangers loitering in or near school buildings or seated in parked automobiles nearby. The Building Principal shall notify the police in appropriate circumstances. Teachers shall instruct students not to accept gifts or automobile rides from strangers and the students will also be instructed to tell the teachers, school personnel, their parent(s)/guardian(s), and/or police of any suspicious strangers. The Officer Friendly Program shall also be used to provide such instruction.

The District shall maintain a comprehensive Bicycle Safety Program in conjunction with the Northfield Police Department. Students who ride bicycles to school shall observe safety rules and procedures for the use of bicycles. Bicycles brought to school must be stored in the bike racks provided by the District. Students shall be encouraged to adhere to bicycle rules as provided during classroom instruction and those students who do not exhibit cyclist courtesy or who do not follow District safety rules shall be prohibited by the Superintendent from bringing their bicycle to school. A letter will be sent from the Superintendent to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) explaining the reasons for denial to the student of this privilege.

#### Accidents and Injuries

School buildings and grounds should be regularly inspected for health, fire and safety hazards. The school staff should be alert to hazardous practices or situations especially when students are moving about within the buildings or on the grounds.

Rules and understandings should be developed which will help reduce the chances for accidents.

Guidelines should be established for caring for a student who has suffered an accident ranging from those requiring simple cleansing to those for which professional assistance is required. A copy of these guidelines shall be readily available in every Building Principal's office and distributed each year to every parent(s)/guardian(s). All staff members shall be expected to understand and follow such procedures.

For any but minor occurrences, the parent(s)/guardian(s) should be contacted. A written report of any accident involving a student shall be sent immediately to the Building Principal's office by the person having supervision or jurisdiction over the student at the time of the accident. A copy of the report will also be sent to the Superintendent.

**Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment**

Written orders from parent(s)/guardian(s) to forgo life-sustaining treatment for their child must be signed by the student's physician and given to the Superintendent. This policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act. 755 ILCS 40/.

Whenever an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment is received, the Superintendent shall convene a multi-disciplinary team that includes:

1. The student, when appropriate.
2. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s).
3. Other medical professionals, e.g., licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner.
4. Local first responders for the building in which the student is assigned to attend school.
5. The school nurse.
6. Clergy, if requested by the student or his or her parent(s)/guardians(s).
7. Other individuals provide support to the student or parent(s)/guardian(s).
8. School personnel designated by the Superintendent.

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