

**JGFGA    Life-threatening Medical Emergency Response**

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1        In the school setting, the usual response to a student demonstrating a need  
2 for cardiopulmonary resuscitation is to initiate emergency care procedures. The  
3 intent is to provide immediate aid to a student until Emergency Medical  
4 Services (EMS) arrive.

5        In a medical emergency when a student’s heart stops beating or a student  
6 stops breathing, school district personnel are instructed to respond by:

- 7        1.        Calling 911 for assistance. When qualified personnel are available,  
8                basic life support will be administered until EMS personnel arrive.
- 9        2.        Notifying the school administrator, school nurse, and parents.
- 10      3.        Providing other emergency first aid as needed. ~~by qualified personnel.~~  
11                ~~(Qualified employees include school nurses and others who have~~  
12                ~~successfully completed an approved first aid class)~~

13        Exceptions to the standard emergency response may occur if the student  
14 involved has an Individualized Health Care Plan (IHCP) including a Pre-  
15 Hospital Do Not Resuscitate Form (DNR) request on file. The IHCP will be  
16 developed when a family presents a DNR request to the school. The following  
17 steps will be taken:

18        The family must document the request by completing the “Pre-Hospital DNR  
19 Request Form,” a standardized advance request to limit the scope of  
20 emergency care. All of the parents and/or legal guardians, a qualified witness  
21 to signing by parents and/or legal guardians, and the student’s attending  
22 physician must sign this form. A qualified witness is a person who is: at least  
23 18 years of age and who is not related to the student, the student’s parents  
24 and/or legal guardians by blood or marriage; not entitled to any financial

1 benefit resulting from the death of the student; and not directly financially  
2 responsible for the student's medical care. The school district reserves the  
3 right to request a second medical opinion.

4 2. When the DNR request is presented to the school, the school nurse  
5 will convene a meeting, after reasonable notification and scheduling  
6 efforts, with the parents and/or legal guardians, the student if  
7 appropriate, and designated school personnel to develop an IHCP to  
8 delineate the specific actions to be taken in lieu of the usual  
9 emergency care procedures.

10 The School District reserves the right in its sole discretion, which  
11 may or may not involve consultation with its legal and/or medical  
12 counsel, to decline to honor the DNR request. In instances where any  
13 parent or guardian fails to provide the District with any written  
14 consent, the District may deem it necessary to obtain its own  
15 independent legal and/or medical consultation and this failure may be  
16 considered justification to refuse to honor the DNR request. The  
17 parents and/or legal guardians of the student must sign the  
18 Acknowledgment and Consent form relating to this Policy. Signatures  
19 may be obtained by electronic means.

20 3. A review of the request by all of the parents and/or legal guardians,  
21 the attending physician, the administrator(s), the school nurse and the  
22 nursing supervisor (and the student when appropriate) will be made at  
23 least every six months. This request, complete with new signatures,  
24 must be renewed annually at the beginning of each school year or the  
25 request will be considered invalid.

- 1      4.    The DNR request may be revoked at any time by:
- 2            a.    A written revocation signed and dated by any of the parents
- 3                      and/or legal guardians or the student who is at the age of
- 4                      majority and a qualified witness to those signatures; or
- 5            b.    An oral statement of revocation given by any of the parents
- 6                      and/or legal guardians or the student who is at the age of
- 7                      majority in the presence of a qualified witness as above defined
- 8                      who signs and dates a written confirmation of such oral
- 9                      revocation.
- 10           c.    In either case above, the revocation must be delivered to
- 11                      appropriate school personnel.
- 12      5.    The original DNR request will be filed in the student’s health folder
- 13                      and a copy kept with the student that will be provided to EMS
- 14                      responders.
- 15      6.    The student must be identified by a “medical alert” bracelet or
- 16                      necklace provided by the family.
- 17      7.    School staff working with the student will be alerted to the plan so
- 18                      that the DNR request form may be provided to EMS responders.
- 19      8.    As is done in all other medical emergencies, 911 will always be called
- 20                      and the school administrator, school nurse, and parents will always be
- 21                      notified.

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