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518 DNR-DNI ORDERS

I. PURPOSE

The education district recognizes that it is serving students with complex health needs. The education district also recognizes that education district staff may be confronted with requests to withhold emergency care of a student in the event of a life threatening situation at school or school activities or be presented with Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Intubate (DNR-DNI) orders. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to education district staff and parents or guardians in these situations.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The primary mission of the education district is education. DNR-DNI orders are medical documents. Education district staff will not accept or honor requests to withhold emergency care or DNR-DNI orders. The education district will not convey such orders to emergency medical personnel.
- B. Education district staff will provide reasonable emergency care and assistance when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during school or school activities.
- C. Education district staff will activate emergency medical services (911) as soon as possible when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during school or school activities.
- D. The parent/guardian will be notified of the emergency as soon as possible.
- E. Notwithstanding this education district policy, IEP and Section 504 teams must develop individualized medical emergency care plans for students when appropriate in accordance with state and federal law.
- F. Parents/guardians who request that emergency care be withheld for their child or who present DNR-DNI orders, shall be advised of and shall be given a copy of this policy.

Legal References: 29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)
42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Cross References: None