

Student Health Services

Code #453.01

The Tri-County Area School District has three responsibilities in regard to emergencies and accidents. The first is to prevent accidents from happening; second, to offer instruction in health and safety; and last, to execute a program of action when emergencies occur. In reference to the third, schools are to give immediate and proper care, notify parent(s)/guardian(s) and be certain that injured or ill pupils are placed under the care of parent(s)/guardian(s), physician(s) and/or hospital(s) designated by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

If an accident occurs during school hours or when a student is participating in a school-sponsored event before or after school hours, the individual (teacher, coach, staff member, volunteer, etc.) or the supervisor in charge of the activity at the time of the accident is to complete a "Preliminary Accident Report" and submit the report within 24 hours of the accident.

The following is the policy of the Tri-County Area School District with regard to emergency care for student accident and/or illness:

Severe Injury:

- The assessment of injury or illness may be done by a principal, nurse, teacher or other designated school personnel with a reasonable background of first aid.
- If necessary, initiate life-saving procedures.
- Obtain student's "Emergency & Field Trip Information" form from office file and copy.
- The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) should be contacted as soon as possible.
- Depending on the emergency, the emergency services will be called. The "Emergency & Field Trip Information" form will go with the student to the medical facility if at all possible.

Students with the following symptoms shall be sent home or to others designated on the emergency information form, if necessary:

- Oral temperature of 100 degrees or more regardless of symptoms
- Diarrhea
- Persistent headache
- Severe cold or cough
- Vomiting
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)

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- Scabies, lice, itching
- Impetigo
- Ringworm on scalp or body
- Excessive filth

Students with the following symptoms may or may not be sent home:

- Headache
- Stomach ache
- Unusual listlessness or quietness
- Sore throat
- Rash or hives

Students with the following symptoms should warrant evaluation by the nurse, designated personnel or Principal, for possible recommendation to parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or physician:

- Pallor
- Reddened eyes
- Erratic behavior

Students with chronic complaints:

- Must be evaluated.
- The teacher, Principal or nurse should not make a diagnosis, but should refer the complaint to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or physician if warranted.
- Until a symptom is medically determined to be non-organic, the student should be treated as ill.

Need for a physician's certificate:

- All contagious diseases (see Common Communicable Diseases wall chart).
- Chronic complaints (at judgment of school administration).
- If a need exists to administer services according to ADA and/or an established individualized program whereby constant and continuous medical needs are to be met for the well-being of the student.

Transportation Policy

In case of severe injury/illness, emergency services will be called.

Extra-Curricular Activities

An EMT, physician, nurse, or athletic trainer shall be in attendance at all football games, and other such activities, as recommended. First aid supplies shall be readily accessible.

Students involved in school-sponsored extra/co-curricular activities shall have an "Emergency & Field Trip Information" form signed by parents or guardians on file in the office of the Principal prior to participation. The form shall accompany student with transport.

At all practices, the activities coach or director shall be responsible for the availability of first aid supplies and care of any injuries.

Legal References: Section 118.29(3), 118291, 121.02(1)(g), and 895.48(1),
Wisconsin Statutes

PI 8.01(2)(g), Wisconsin Administrative Code

Cross Reference: 453.01 Exhibit, Preliminary Accident Report
453.04, Administering Medication to Students

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