

EDUCATION: STUDENTS

Policy 504.3

Injury or Illness at School

Schools are responsible for giving first aid or emergency treatment in case of sudden illness or injury to a student or a member of staff. The responsibility of the school extends only to such immediate treatment; the aim is to get the injured or ill person into the care of qualified medical personnel and/or the parents as quickly and safely as possible.

Staff members should be careful not to exceed their competence when providing medical assistance to an injured or ill student, except in an extreme emergency. As soon as the school staff has assessed the situation and taken necessary emergency action, steps should be taken to contact the student's parents and family doctor. The school staff's responsibility is limited to helping to transfer the student to his/her home or to hospital if necessary, and helping to contact the parents. Admittance forms and consent-for-treatment forms should not be signed by members of the school staff.

In order to help protect the well-being of students, the Board shall cause to be distributed to each teacher and principal and guide outlining procedures to be followed in accident cases involving students.