

SECTION 256 LIFE-SUSTAINING CARE

It is the policy of the Portage Community School District not to comply with directives from parents/guardians that life-sustaining emergency care should not be provided to any particular student in need of such care while under the control and supervision of the Portage Community School District.

Parents/guardians or physicians who submit Do Not Resuscitate (“DNR”) orders will be informed that the Portage Community School District will not honor these orders.

Staff members of the Portage Community School District shall take all reasonable steps to provide life-sustaining emergency care to any student on school grounds who is in need of such care and shall attempt to contact paramedics/ambulance in accordance with regular school policies to secure timely transportation of the student to hospital facilities.

The Portage Community School District may, at its sole discretion, consider requests for alternative forms of life-sustaining emergency care for individual students. Such requests must be supported by written medical substantiation by the individual student’s physician. Determinations on such requests will be made by a team of persons in the Portage Community School District, including health care professional who are knowledgeable about the individual student. This team may seek additional outside information when necessary for a decision. Any determination made on such a request may be based on the likelihood that the chosen form of life-sustaining emergency care shall maintain the student’s life until emergency transport arrives or the student is otherwise transported to the care of medical personnel.

For purpose of the Policy, “life-sustaining emergency care” means any procedure or intervention applied by school employees that may prevent a student from dying who, without such procedure or intervention, faces a risk of imminent death. Examples of life-sustaining emergency care may include: efforts to stop bleeding, unblocking airways, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

LEGAL REF:           s.s     118.01  
   118.13  
   118.29  
   121.02 (1)(g)  
   PI 8.01 (2)(g) Wisconsin Administrative Code  
   American with Disabilities Act  
   Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)  
   Federal Rehabilitation Act  
   Natural Death Act Ch. 154 WI. Stats.  
   Sec. 145.03 (1) Stats.

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