

FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

No treatment of injuries except first aid shall be permitted in the Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) schools. First aid is that immediate help given by the best qualified person at hand in case of accident or sudden illness.

At all times during the school day and during school sponsored events on school property, at least two staff members shall be on duty in each school who have a current certification from a nationally recognized course in Standard First Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). A list of persons currently certified, as described above, shall be maintained in each school office.

At all times during school sponsored events that are off-site, at least one staff member shall be on duty at the off-site event who has a current certification from a nationally recognized course in Standard First Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). A list of persons currently certified, as described above, shall be maintained in each school office.

Basic first aid equipment and medical supplies including: gauze pads and roller gauze, adhesive tape, cold pack, plastic bags, disposable gloves, band-aids, handcleaner, small flashlight and extra batteries, scissors, and blanket shall be provided and kept conveniently available for emergency use. First aid supplies and equipment with an expiration date shall be discarded and replaced once that date has past.

In accord with C.R.S. 13-21-108(1), any person licensed as a physician and surgeon under the laws of the state of Colorado, or any other person, who in good faith renders emergency care or emergency assistance to a person not presently his or her patient without compensation at the place of an emergency or accident, including a health care institution as defined in C.R.S. 13-64-202(3), shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions made in good faith as a result of the rendering of such emergency care or emergency assistance during the emergency, unless the acts or omissions were grossly negligent or willful and wanton. This section shall not apply to any person who renders such emergency care or emergency assistance to a patient he or she is otherwise obligated to cover.

Treatment of injuries occurring outside school jurisdiction is not the responsibility of school employees. Use of school or District owned wheelchairs, crutches or similar equipment is restricted to emergency medical and/or injury responses at a school or other district location. Such equipment cannot be loaned to students or employees.

The school's obligation continues after the emergency until the injured person has been placed in the care of the family, family physician, hospital or approved emergency service. Therefore, the parents of all students shall be asked to sign and submit an emergency medical authorization form which shall indicate the procedure they wish the school to follow in the event of a medical emergency involving their child.

In all cases where the nature of an illness or an injury appears to be serious, the parent or guardian shall be contacted if possible. If the parent or guardian cannot be reached, the instructions on the student's emergency card shall be followed. Thus in extreme emergencies, arrangements may be made for a student's immediate hospitalization. When either of the permission sources is inoperable, school personnel shall be authorized to take appropriate emergency action.

No preschool or elementary student who is ill or injured shall be sent home alone. In case of minor illness or injury of a secondary school student, the student may be sent home after notification of the parent or guardian.

As the District acquires an automated external defibrillator (AED), the District shall meet the training, maintenance, inspection, and physician involvement requirements of C.R.S. 13-21-108.1(3) in developing regulations to this policy and shall reference the requirements of that section in the District's crisis management policy per CRS 22-32-109.1(4). These requirements shall not apply to an individual using an AED during a medical emergency if that individual is acting as a Good Samaritan under CRS 13-21-108.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 13-21-108
C.R.S. 13-21-108.1(3)
C.R.S. 22-1-125
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(4)
C.R.S. 24-10-106.5
6 CCR 1010-6

CROSS REFS.: JLIB, Closed Campus/Student Dismissal Precautions
JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students
KDE, Crisis Management