

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BAYFIELD
LIFE-SUSTAINED EMERGENCY CARE

The School District of Bayfield has a policy requiring school officials to provide emergency care to any student in need of aid and, if necessary, to obtain transportation for said student to the most appropriate medical facility for further treatment.

A decision to forego life sustaining emergency care in a particular situation is a medical determination that cannot be made by school staff and has not been authorized by state law in the public school setting.

Wisconsin law recognizes an individual's right to execute a "living will" indicating a desire to forego life-sustaining emergency care, but only for those persons of sound mind and 18 years of age or older, and does not explicitly recognize a parent or guardian's right to execute a "living will" on behalf of his or her minor child.

Appropriately trained staff members whose responsibilities include the provision of life-sustaining emergency care shall take all reasonable steps to provide such care to any student on school grounds in need of life-sustaining emergency care, and shall attempt to contact an ambulance in accordance with regular school policies to secure the speedy transportation of the student to medical facilities.

For the purposes of this policy, "life-sustaining emergency care" means any procedure or intervention applied by appropriately trained school staff that may prevent a student from dying who, without such procedure or intervention, faces a risk of imminent death. Examples of such life-sustaining emergency care may include: effort to stop bleeding, unblocking airways, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

It is the policy of the School District of Bayfield not to comply with directives from parents or others that life-sustaining emergency care should be withheld from any particular student in need of such care while under the control and supervision of the school.

Permitting a student to die in a public school during school hours when school officials have the capacity to prevent death through life-sustaining emergency care would be extremely disruptive and disturbing to other students and staff at the school.

Parents or physicians who submit "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) orders will be informed that the District will not honor those orders.

In situations where performing usual life-sustaining emergency procedures or interventions would endanger the child's life due to pre-existing medical conditions, The School District of Bayfield shall consider a request for alternative forms of life-sustaining emergency care prescribed by the child's doctor. Determination shall be made on such requests by a team of school personnel composed of the Principal, School Nurse, Director of Pupil Services, School Attorney, District Administrator, and consulting School Physician (Medical Director.) The team may seek additional outside information

necessary for a decision. Any determination made on such a request must be based on the likelihood that the chosen form of life-sustaining emergency care shall maintain the child's life until an ambulance arrives, or the student is otherwise transported to the care of medical personnel.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Section 154.03 Wisconsin Statutes

CROSS REFERENCE: Policy 453.1 Nursing Services
Policy 453.1 Rule-Nursing Services Guidelines

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