

STUDENTS

7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment

Written orders from parent(s)/guardian(s) to forgo life-sustaining treatment for their child must be signed by the child's physician and given to the Superintendent. This policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act. 755 ILCS 40/.

Whenever an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment is received, the Superintendent shall convene a multi-disciplinary team that includes:

1. The child, when appropriate;
2. The child's parent(s)/guardian(s);
3. Other medical professionals, e.g., licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner;
4. Local first responders for the building in which the child is assigned to attend school;
5. The school nurse;
6. Clergy, if requested by the child or his or her parent(s)/guardians(s);
7. Other individuals to provide support to the child or his or her parent(s)/guardian(s); and
8. School personnel designated by the Superintendent.

The team shall determine guidelines to be used by school staff members in the event the child suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event. Neither the District nor its personnel shall deny or refrain from providing first responder assistance or contacting emergency services for a child who suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event unless the multi-disciplinary team, including the parents or guardians, agree in advance that such assistance shall be withheld. In such a case, the school shall make a written record to forgo such services which shall be signed by the parents or guardians and maintained by the school along with the physician's order. It is the policy of the District that school refusal to provide first responder assistance or contact emergency services is an exceptional remedy and that requests to do so should only be granted under very limited circumstances.

The District personnel shall convey orders to forgo life-sustaining treatment to the appropriate healthcare provider and to emergency responders in the event the child suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event.

LEGAL REF.: Health Care Surrogate Act, 755 ILCS 40/.

Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Dept. of Health, 497 U.S. 261 (1990).

In re: C.A., a minor, 236 Ill.App.3d 594 (1st Dist. 1992).

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