

The Wendell School District recognizes that schools are responsible for providing first aid or emergency treatment in case of sudden illness or injury to a student, but that further medical attention is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Consistent with this responsibility, the district may maintain certain health information of students and take certain actions in emergencies as described in this policy.

### **HEALTH RECORDS**

Each school within the district will maintain the following health records for each student:

1. A record showing the medical history and pertinent information relating to immunizations; and
2. Information setting forth:
  - a. The name of a contact person in case the parent/guardian cannot be reached in an emergency;
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  - c. Any physical or medical condition the student might have that may require school personnel attention;
  - d. Authorization from the parent/guardian to obtain emergency medical attention if the parent/guardian is not available.
3. A health care plan for any student who has a medical condition that requires administration of medications at school.
4. Record of medications administered at school and emergency care provided to the student.

### **EMERGENCY CARE**

All employees of this district will protect the health of the public school students and will take reasonable measures to provide for the emergency care of any student that becomes ill or is injured on school property, during school hours, or at a school-sponsored event.

In the event of an emergency, the staff members in the immediate vicinity will take reasonable action to provide first aid until relieved by a superior, nurse or doctor and contact the principal or designee. The principal or designee will contact the parent/guardian or emergency contact to notify him/her of the injury or illness and request that the individual come to the school, if the student appears to require medical care or needs to go home. If unable to contact the parent/guardian or the individual listed as the emergency contact for the student, and the principal or designee determines that immediate medical care is necessary, the principal or designee will call 911.

The district is not responsible for the cost of any medical care provided to the student by a health care provider or the cost of transporting the student for the purpose of obtaining such medical care.

The district will maintain a record of any injury or illness, and the emergency care and other actions taken by staff members in response to the incident.

If a child develops symptoms of illness while at school, the responsible school officials shall do the following:

1. Isolate the child immediately from other children in a room or area segregated for that purpose.
2. Inform the child's parent/guardian as soon as possible about the illness and request that the child be picked up from school.
3. Report each case of suspected communicable disease the same day by telephone to the local health authority, or as soon as possible thereafter if no contact can be made the same day.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 33-512(4)

*Czaplicki v. Gooding Joint School District*, 116 Idaho 326 (1989)

*Doe v. Durtschi*, 110 Idaho 466 (1986)

**CROSS-REFERENCE:**

Food Allergies #559

Epinephrine Auto-Injections #561

Administering Medications #561

Exclusion for Communicable Diseases #562

Exclusion for Head Lice #563

Immunization Requirements #565

Bloodborne Pathogens #990

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