

Life-Sustaining Emergency Care

The Board recognizes its obligation under state and federal law to make educational services available to students of legal age, including reasonable accommodations that permit students with disabilities access to special education and supportive services.

Reasonable accommodation includes the provision of life-sustaining emergency care.

A refusal to provide life-sustaining emergency care to a student in need of such care would be a denial of educational services. No employee of the district shall comply with any directive from parents or others, written or verbal, that life-sustaining emergency care be withheld from a student in need of such care while under the control and supervision of district staff.

For purposes of this policy, “life-sustaining emergency care” means any procedure or intervention applied by appropriately trained district staff 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 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

In a life-threatening situation, district staff will dial 911 for paramedic assistance and provide life-sustaining emergency care, if properly trained in CPR and first aid, to any student requiring it in order to sustain life until relieved by paramedics or other appropriate medical personnel.

The district shall consider requests for alternative forms of life-sustaining emergency care but those requests must be supported by written medical substantiation by the student’s physician. Determinations shall be made on such requests by a team of district staff who are knowledgeable about the student. The team may seek such additional outside information, including an independent medical opinion when 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 student’s life until an ambulance arrives or the student is otherwise transported to the care of medical personnel.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 30.800](#)
[ORS 342.126](#)

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