

Emergency Care Policy

First aid is defined as “immediate and temporary treatment and care in the event of an accident or injury before a physician’s care can be obtained.” Because of the presence of children and staff engaged in a variety of activities together, accidents and injuries at school may happen.

In the event that injury does occur, designated personnel will administer first aid, following the Recommended Procedures for Emergency Care guidelines produced by the State and included in the School Health Manual. Treatment should be given in order of availability by a physician, nurse, teacher or other designated person who has had first aid training.

In the event that the parent/guardian of a student cannot be located, or if the injury is of such a serious nature that more than emergency treatment is immediately necessary, arrangements will be made for the child to have prompt treatment by a physician or at a medical facility. If possible, contact will be made with the family physician. Notifying parents of all circumstances in relation to the problem and treatment will be done as soon as possible.

In-service training in first aid will be made available for staff.

Complete emergency health cards will be maintained on students and personnel at appropriate buildings. Parents are responsible to complete student cards, for updating their own cards annually, and when a major medical condition develops. These records will be kept in the main offices of the schools.

Legal Reference: Title 20A M.R.S.A. § 4009

Cross Reference: JHC – Student Health Services and Requirements  
IHBAK – Life Sustaining Emergency Care

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