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SUBJECT: Life Sustaining Emergency Care	
DATE OF ORIGINAL POLICY: N/A DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: Fall 2007 CANCELS POLICY CODE: N/A REVISION DATE: N/A	
JURISDICTION: Poland Community School Bruce M. Whittier Middle School	

PHILOSOPHY:

A Primary concern of the Poland School Department shall be with the health and safety of its students.

POLICY:

In emergency situations involving accident or illness, school employees should undertake reasonable efforts to provide first aid or life-sustaining emergency care to the extent of their knowledge and training, and/or to seek the assistance of school medical personnel or other staff members to obtain emergency assistance for the student.

AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES:

For those students who may present an ongoing need for medical interventions at school, including a need for life-sustaining emergency care, school personnel shall convene a team meeting for the purpose of developing an individualized plan to address the student’s specialized health needs. The team should include persons at the school who are knowledgeable about the student, as well as the student’s parents and a school administrator. The team may consider requests from the parents that alternative forms of life-sustaining emergency care be used as part of that plan, but those requests must be substantiated by specific medical documentation from the student’s physician. The team shall not approve a parental request to deny all life-sustaining emergency care for a student, but may specify that only certain types of intervention are appropriate in a particular situation as substantiated by specific medical documentation from the student’s physician.

The team will convene at least annually to review the appropriateness of the alternative life - sustaining plan and make necessary revisions to the plan to accommodate any changes in the medical condition of the student.

For 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 a procedure or intervention, faces a risk of imminent death. Examples of life-sustaining emergency care include: efforts to stop bleeding, unblocking airways, mouth – to -mouth resuscitation, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“CPR”)

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:

The School Committee delegates authority to implement this policy to the Superintendent of Schools who may delegate enforcement to building administrators and staff.

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EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY:

None.

REPORTS:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

LEGAL REFERENCES: 29 USC § 794(a)

CROSS REFERENCES: JLCE – First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

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