

Students

Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment

Written orders from parent(s)/guardian(s) to forgo life-sustaining treatment for their child or ward 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 ~~the~~:

1. The child, when appropriate;
2. The child's parent(s)/guardian(s) ~~and~~;
3. Other medical professionals, e.g., licensed physician, ~~as well as~~ 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 ~~specific interventions~~ guidelines to be used by school staff members in the event the child suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event.

The District personnel shall convey orders to forgo life-sustaining treatment to the appropriate emergency or healthcare provider.

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, 603 N.E.2d 1171 (Ill.App.1, 1992).

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