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ACCIDENTS

The principal, working with the administrative staff and the school nurse, shall develop a program of accident prevention suited to his/her school. The chief school administrator shall review and have the Oxford Township Board of Education approve the program. When unforeseen situations arise, and an accident occurs, a school nurse or other assigned staff member shall be responsible for providing emergency services to a child or staff member.

Guidelines for Dealing with Accident/Injury

- A. The school nurse or another trained person shall be responsible for administering first aid. Universal precautions shall be taken in the handling of blood and body fluids to ensure the containment of bloodborne pathogens. (See policies and regulations 4112.4/4212.4 Employee Health and 5141.2 Illness).
- B. In all cases where the nature of an injury appears in any way serious, every effort shall be made to contact the parent/guardian and/or family physician immediately.
- C. Parents/guardians shall be requested to pick up their child. If a parent/guardian is unable to provide such transportation, no pupil who is injured shall be sent home alone. A pupil who is injured shall not be taken home unless it is known that someone is there to receive him/her.
- D. In extreme emergencies, the school nurse, school doctor or principal may make arrangements for immediate hospitalization of injured pupils, contacting parents/guardians in advance if at all possible.
- E. The teacher or other staff member who is responsible for a child at the time an accident occurs shall make out a report within 24 hours on an official form providing details about the accident. This shall be required for every accident whether first aid is necessary or not. The CSA will annually review with personnel the procedures they should put into place when dealing with injured or sick pupils.
- F. Any injuries or accidents to pupils shall be reported as soon as possible to the chief school administrator and the board.

Staff shall be informed at the beginning of each school year of the accident prevention program and procedures to be followed in case of an accident/injury.

Emergency Medical Procedures for Sports/Athletics

The board of education recognizes its responsibility for pupil safety encompassing all aspects of sports and athletic events in both intramural and interscholastic programs. The board directs the chief school administrator to develop and implement emergency medical procedures to ensure delivery of appropriate emergency medical services for all practice sessions, competitive contests, games, events, or exhibitions with individual pupils or teams of the schools of this district whether among themselves or with pupils of other districts.

The board directs the chief school administrator to report on the effectiveness of the emergency medical procedures to the board annually for its review.

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**Legal References:**

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-3	Voluntary associations regulating conduct of student activities; membership; rules and regulations; appeals
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:16-6	Indemnity of officers and employees against civil actions
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:16-6.1	Indemnity of officers and employees in certain criminal actions
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-25	Boards of education to provide nursing care to students in nonpublic schools
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.1 <u>et seq.</u> See particularly: <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.4, -2.1, -2.3, -2.4	Programs to Support Student Development
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-12.2(a)2iii	Policies and procedures for school facility operation
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:27-12.2	Accident reporting
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-9.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Athletics Procedures
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:61-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Participation and Attendance at School by Individuals with HIV Infection

HIV Policy and Practice: Regulatory Requirements for New Jersey Public Schools, SDOE Division of Student Services, Sept. 1996, Doc. #P101400-31

**Possible**

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b> 3516	Safety
3541.33	Transportation safety
4112.4/4212.4	Employee health
4123	Classroom aides
5113	Absences and excuses
5125	Pupil records
5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
5141	Health
5141.2	Illness
5141.4	Child abuse and neglect
5141.6	Crisis intervention
5141.21	Administering medication
5142	Pupil safety
5200	Nonpublic school pupils
6114	Emergencies and disaster preparedness
6142.12	Career education
6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
6153	Field trips

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