



SECTION: 538

TITLE: EMERGENCY CARE AND FIRST AID

# NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	<b>PURPOSE</b>	The purpose of this policy is to focus attention on the responsibilities of the	1
2		school district and the responsibilities of the parents or guardian in the	2
3		management of school based incidents requiring first aid or emergency care.	3
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5	<b>DEFINITIONS</b>	<b>Emergency</b> - is an unforeseen combination of circumstances that requires	5
6		immediate action. Emergencies may be classified as life threatening or	6
7		potentially life threatening.	7
8		<b>Life Threatening Emergencies</b> - are those incidents which can cause death	8
9		within minutes and which require quick intervention, medical care and	9
10		possible hospitalization.	10
11		<b>Potentially Life Threatening Emergencies</b> - are those incidents which are	11
12		considered <i>urgent</i> rather than <i>emergent</i> . They need to be treated within a few	12
13		hours as they may result in a life threatening situation or produce permanent	13
14		physical damage and/or disability.	14
15		<b>Emergency Care</b> is the judgment required to assess and respond to an	15
16		emergency situation.	16
17		<b>First Aid</b> - is care given for situation which may be classified as non life	17
18		threatening. Non life threatening situations are those incidents which do not	18
19		require the immediate attention of a physician and rarely proceed to a more	19
20		serious condition.	20
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22	<b>POLICY</b>	When an illness, accident or event involving a student precipitates an	22
23		emergency situation or the need for first aid, <b>the school district</b> has the	23
24		following responsibilities:	24
25		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• provide immediate care to the student. (This care may be instituted by</li></ul>	25
26		any qualified school personnel, but this care should in no way exceed the	26
27		training and/or experience of the personnel involved.)	27
28		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• notification of the parent or guardian of the student.</li></ul>	28
29		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• advising on or assisting with the transportation of the student to home or</li></ul>	29
30		to a health care facility. (When an emergency arises in the school setting or	30
31		on a school sponsored trip, the decision to activate the Emergency Medical	31
32		System (911) belongs solely to the building principal or his/her designee	32
33		in consultation with the certified school nurse.)	33
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- maintenance of appropriate records of the incidence of student illness or accidents which precipitated an emergency for a student.

In the event of an emergency involving a student, the **parent or guardian** has the following responsibilities:

- providing the school with an updated, accurate emergency card for their student(s). (This card provides accessible phone numbers for the parent(s) or guardian(s) and the phone numbers of two adults who can assume responsibility for the student if the parent(s) or guardian(s) cannot be reached.)
- assuming financial responsibility for the transportation and medical care of the student.

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