

Students

Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment

Written orders from parent(s)/guardian(s) to forgo life-sustaining treatment (do-not-resuscitate advance directives) for their child must be signed by the student's physician and given to the Superintendent annually. 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 as determined by the Superintendent or designee. The child's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be invited to attend, and the child may be invited to attend when appropriate. The team also may include (with the prior written consent of the parent/guardian):

1. The child's health care provider;
2. Other medical professionals, e.g., licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner;
3. Local first responders for the building in which the child is assigned to attend school;
4. Clergy, if requested by the child or his or her parent(s)/guardian(s);
5. Other individuals to provide support to the child or his or her parent(s)/guardian(s).

The team shall determine 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, 236 Ill.App.3d 594 (1st Dist. 1992).

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