
AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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FIRST-AID AND EMERGENCY CARE

School personnel shall give emergency care to students who become ill or who are injured on school property, buses or while under school supervision.

At the time of an emergency, the school has the responsibility for:

1. Providing reasonable emergency care;
2. Notifying the child's parent or guardian; and
3. In extreme cases, getting the child under professional care with or without family permission.

FIRST-AID AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

- A. All parents/guardians upon registering their child in school shall complete the form entitled "School Health Information", Emergency Card.
- B. The school principal or designee shall be responsible for insuring that all required information has been provided on this form.
- C. When a student accident, injury or illness occurs, the school nurse shall provide immediate care. If the school nurse is not available and if the situation is severe, the Aurora Fire Department's Rescue Squad will be summoned (phone 911).
- D. Every effort shall be made to notifying the parent/guardian of a student who becomes injured or ill while attending school.
- E. If it is necessary to transport the student to a doctor or a hospital and the parents are unable to provide such transportation:
 - 1. the school should try to arrange transportation to the hospital and by the ambulance service listed on the "School Health Information, Emergency Card;
 - 2. school employees may furnish transportation, and they shall stay with the child until a parent/guardian or other appropriate party has assumed the responsibility; or
 - 3. the ambulance service serving the Medical Center of Aurora-South Campus may be called. The parents/guardian shall be responsible for the cost of such ambulance service.
- F. An "Standard Student Accident Report" (form 1172) shall be completed in duplicate for all accidents involving injuries. One copy shall be retained by the school and the second copy shall be forwarded to Risk Management.
- G. The Office of the Superintendent of Schools shall be notified immediately, if an accident is of a serious or unusual nature.

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Snakebite Treatment

1. In all cases of suspected snakebite, treatment should be for a rattlesnake bite, unless it can be immediately determined that the snake was not a rattler. **QUICK ACTION IS ESSENTIAL!**
 2. Keep the student as calm and quiet as possible.
 3. Do **not** cut and suck the wound.
 4. Do **not** apply a tourniquet.
 - 5.* Gently wash the bite with soap and water then rinse.
 - 6.* Apply a cold compress to the wound (do **not** use ice as it will hasten tissue damage).
 7. Take the student **immediately** to the **nearest** hospital emergency room. The hospital should be notified that a student is coming with a suspected rattlesnake bite.
 8. Have a school employee notify the parents/guardian while another employee is transporting the student to a hospital.
- * Nos. 5 and 6 can be omitted in the interest of time.

Note: Waiting for a Rescue Squad may be unwarranted. With private cars usually available, it would be advantageous for the student to be taken to a hospital immediately.

For additional information, see regulation JLCE-1-R.