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I. PURPOSE

The Minnesota State Academies (MSA) serves students with complex health needs. MSA also recognizes that staff members may be confronted with requests to withhold emergency care of a student in the event of a life-threatening situation at school or during school activities; or be presented with Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Intubate (DNR-DNI) orders. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to MSA staff in these situations.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The primary mission of the school district is education. DNR-DNI Orders are medical documents. MSA staff will not accept or honor requests to withhold emergency care or DNR-DNI orders. However, MSA nursing staff will maintain a file of DNR-DNI orders and communicate them with emergency medical personnel. If possible, MSA nursing staff will send a copy of the DNR-DNI order along with the student to the medical facility. Otherwise, the nursing staff should send the DNR-DNI order to the medical facility as soon as possible.
- B. MSA staff will provide reasonable emergency care and assistance when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during school or school activities.
- C. MSA staff will activate emergency medical services (911) as soon as possible when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during school or school activities.
- D. The parent/guardian will be notified of the emergency as soon as possible.
- E. Notwithstanding this policy, IEP and Section 504 teams must comply with individualized medical emergency care plans for students when indicated in accordance with state and federal law.
- F. Parents/guardians who request that emergency care be withheld for their child or present DNR-DNI Orders shall be advised of and given a copy of this policy.

Legal References:

- 29 U.S.C. §794 et seq. (§504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973)
- 42 USCA §§12101-12213 (Americans with Disabilities Act)