

Policy Code: 4253/6153 Do Not Resuscitate Orders

The health and safety of students is a primary concern of the board of education. In emergency situations involving accident or illness, employees are generally expected to render first aid and life-sustaining care pursuant to policy [4252/6152](#) (First Aid Procedures).

In exceptional circumstances involving terminally ill students, parents and doctors may decide that providing life-sustaining care may not be in the best interest of a student. The board recognizes that the decision of any parent to execute a Do Not Resuscitate (“DNR”) Order is a difficult and extraordinary decision. It is the policy of this school board to support families in these decisions. Accordingly, the board will comply with properly executed directives from a parent that life-sustaining emergency care not be provided to the parent’s child. If the attending physician of a terminally ill student has entered a DNR Order on written authorization from the child’s parent (s), school administrators must act in accordance with the order and refrain from medical interventions that are not consistent with it. In all such incidents, school administrators will call 911.

No DNR order will be carried out unless the NC Medical Society DNR certificate is signed by a physician and is on the student’s person at all times, including at the time of the cardio-respiratory arrest. The parents must ensure that original DNR papers accompany student to school daily. The classroom teacher will ensure that original DNR papers are on the student’s person throughout the day.

The school nurse will notify the principal and appropriate school personnel of the existence of DNR orders on a student. The school nurse will provide DNR information to appropriate school staff, including expectations, procedures, and plans for medical emergencies.

The school nurse will develop Individual Health Care Plans on the child with a DNR order in conjunction with appropriate personnel, including the teacher, physician, parents, principal, counselor and family specialist.

DNR orders will be reviewed at least annually with principal and necessary staff. The school nurse will work with all staff and parents to ensure high quality care for the student including respect for DNR order.

Building level first responders will make initial assessment of student’s condition at the time of the possible DNR incident and follow the Individual Health Care Plan including the DNR order.

Legal Reference: [G. S. 90-329](#), [115C-36](#)

Cross-Reference: First Aid Procedures (policy [4252/6152](#))

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