

1 The health and safety of students is a primary concern of the Transylvania County Board of
2 Education. In emergency situations involving accident or illness, employees are generally
3 expected to render first aid and life sustaining care to the best of their abilities. It is within the
4 scope of the duty of teachers and other employees to give emergency health care when delay
5 would seriously worsen the physical condition or endanger the life of a student or other person.
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7 Because of the complexity and severity of the medical conditions of medically fragile students,
8 parents or guardians sometimes may request that school personnel not resuscitate a child in the
9 event of cardiac or respiratory arrest. However, the Board believes that implementation of Do
10 Not Resuscitate (“DNR”) orders is not consistent with the duty to protect the health and safety of
11 students. Therefore, it is the policy of Transylvania County Schools that school employees will
12 neither accept nor honor DNR orders.
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14 When a student with special health needs is enrolled, appropriate school personnel will
15 determine whether an individualized health plan needs to be prepared for the student. School
16 personnel will consult with the student’s parents, school health officials and the student’s
17 physician, as appropriate, in making the determination. Individualized health plans should be
18 reviewed annually to ensure that the student’s health needs are being met.
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20 If a school official receives a written DNR request from any student’s parent/guardian and
21 physician, appropriate school personnel will review the student’s current health plan to
22 determine whether it is still sufficient and make any adjustments as needed. In the rare event that
23 parents and physicians can demonstrate that special circumstances justify alternate life-sustaining
24 approaches, school personnel, in consultation with the parents and physician, may create an
25 individually-designed medical resuscitation plan for the student. Such a plan shall not prohibit
26 life-sustaining activities, but may describe emergency procedures appropriate to the individual
27 student.
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29 In the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest of a student, the following procedures will apply:
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- 31 1. Emergency care will be administered, including CPR.
- 32 2. Emergency Medical Services (911) will be activated.
- 33 3. EMTs will assume responsibility for the student when they arrive.
- 34 4. The parent or guardian will be notified as soon as possible.
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36 It is the intent of the Board that the underlying principle of any response to a DNR request is that
37 no student is to be denied the fullest genuine, appropriate efforts to preserve life and health.
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39 Legal Reference: N.C.G.S. § 115C-36, -307 (c), -375.1; § 90-21.14, -21.15, -321
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