

STUDENT PERSONNEL

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The Board of Directors of the Johnston Community School District recognizes that there may be students attending schools in the District who are subject to “Do Not Resuscitate” (“DNR”) orders as per parental decision. The Board is mindful that these situations present complex and difficult issues for parents and school personnel. It is the policy of the Board of Directors of the Johnston Community School District that school personnel will respond to emergency situations involving students with DNR orders as they would respond in other such situations involving students without DNR orders, including the provision of life-sustaining measures should such measures become necessary.

Parents of a student who is subject to a DNR order should provide a copy of the DNR order to the school nurse and other appropriate school personnel. School personnel will convene a meeting with the parents upon the receipt of the DNR order to discuss the District’s policy on DNR orders and address any parent concerns. School personnel will respond to emergency situations involving a student with a DNR order as they would respond in other such situations involving students without DNR orders, including the provision of life-sustaining measures should such measures become necessary. If the response includes calling emergency medical providers, school personnel will take reasonable steps to provide a copy of the student’s DNR order to the emergency medical personnel. It is the responsibility of the emergency medical personnel to carry out the DNR order or provide services, as they deem appropriate.

The response for emergencies will be included in the student’s IEP and/or Section 504 intervention plan, as applicable. The parents of a student who is subject to a DNR order shall provide a signed and dated written consent that authorizes school personnel to share a copy of the DNR order and other student health information with emergency medical personnel. All school personnel who are responsible for the student’s supervision and care should be informed of the emergency response plan.

The emergency response plan will be reviewed and updated at least annually. It is the responsibility of the parents to inform the District immediately in the event of any modification or revocation of the DNR order for a student.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 144A; 144D; 279.8.
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