Joint School District No. 2, Meridian

Meridian Technical Charter High School, Inc. has adopted West Ada's (Joint School District No. 2) policy.

STUDENT PERSONNEL

Series 500

Policy Title Student Health and Safety

Code No. 504.90

A primary concern of all school employees shall be student health and safety. In emergency situations involving accident or illness, employees shall be reasonably expected to render first-aid and life-sustaining care to the extent of their knowledge and training, and to seek assistance of school medical personnel and other staff members more knowledgeable than themselves and emergency medical resources (including ambulance) available in the community.

It is the intent of the board that the underlying principle of any response to a "Do Not Resuscitate" ("DNR") request shall be that no student is to be denied appropriate efforts to preserve life and health. Therefore school personnel are prohibited from complying with requests from parents or others to withhold life sustaining emergency care from any student in need of such care while under the control and supervision of the school system.

When a student with special health needs is enrolled, an Individualized Health Plan (I.H.P.) shall be prepared and reviewed at least annually as part of the Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) of the I.E.P. Team for educationally disabled students. If a student does not have an I.E.P. Team, an appropriately constituted multidisciplinary school-based team (MDT) involving the parents and consultation with the school physician shall annually prepare an I.H.P.

In the event of receipt of a written "DNR" request from any student's parent/guardian and physician, an I.E.P. Team is to be formed, if necessary, and convened as soon as practical. The purpose shall be to review the student's current program and placement to determine appropriateness. The school physician shall be consulted and other specialist consultants shall be obtained as appropriate. The student's educational program in effect at the time of the request shall remain in effect in accordance with applicable law and regulations, unless and until changed by the I.E.P. Team or by following due process procedures.

In the rare event that parent and physician can demonstrate to the I.E.P. Team that special circumstances justify alternative life-sustaining approaches, an individually designed medical resuscitation plan may be incorporated into the I.H.P. for life-threatening situations. It shall not deny all life-sustaining activities, but may describe emergency procedures appropriate to the individual student. Specialists shall be included in development of the plan and in training for implementation as needed. Any response plan must be adopted by the I.E.P. Team.

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