

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Students

Health and Safety Precautions

The school shall be concerned with the health and safety of all students. Anything that is considered, in the opinion of school personnel, a health or safety hazard in the school building or on the school grounds shall be reported to the principal or other appropriate school personnel. If necessary, appropriate steps should be taken to protect students, staff, visitors, or others from the thing considered hazardous.

Any serious illness or injury of student is to be brought to the attention of the principal as quickly as possible. Only trained personnel will move a seriously injured or ill child. If, in the opinion of school administrators or the school nurse, a student's injury or illness is severe or life threatening, the school shall immediately seek emergency medical services and have the student immediately transported to a hospital or medical center by ambulance service. The student's custodial parent, guardian, or emergency contact person will be contacted as soon as possible but the inability to contact shall not delay necessary efforts to secure medical assistance for the student.

If a student is injured or becomes ill at school to the degree that medical attention may be necessary but the injury or illness does not appear life threatening, the school shall immediately attempt to contact the custodial parent or legal guardian. If the custodial parent or guardian cannot be contacted, the emergency contact person will be contacted. If contact cannot be made with the custodial parent, legal guardian, or emergency contact person, the school may have the student transported by ambulance to the family's physician or the emergency room of the nearest medical facility or the facility specified on the emergency card.

Except in emergency situations, no student shall be permitted to leave the building ill or go home prior to the end of the school day without the consent of the custodial parent or legal guardian. Students may be sent home when ill or injured only if there is an authorized adult there to transport and care for them or with the specific approval from the custodial parent or legal guardian in the case of a high school student.