

**I. PURPOSE**

NWSISD recognizes that it is serving students with complex health needs. NWSISD also recognizes that its staff may be confronted with requests to withhold emergency care of a student in the event of a life-threatening situation at school or school activities or be presented with Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Intubate (DNR-DNI) orders. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to NWSISD staff, parents and guardians in these situations.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The primary mission of NWSISD is education. DNR-DNI orders are medical documents. NWSISD staff will not accept or honor requests to withhold emergency care or DNR-DNI orders. NWSISD staff will not convey such orders to emergency medical personnel.
- B. NWSISD staff will provide reasonable emergency care and assistance when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during NWSISD programs or activities.
- C. NWSISD staff will activate emergency medical services (911) as soon as possible when a student is undergoing a medical emergency during NWSISD programs or activities.
- D. The parent/guardian will be notified of the emergency as soon as possible.
- E. Notwithstanding this policy, the student's home school district's IEP and Section 504 teams must develop individualized medical emergency care plans for students when appropriate in accordance with state and federal law.
- F. Parents/guardians who request that emergency care be withheld for their child or who present DNR-DNI Orders, shall be advised of and shall be given a copy of this policy.

**Legal References:** 29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (§ 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973)  
42 USCA §§ 12101-12213 (Americans with Disabilities Act)

**Cross References:**

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