

Accidents and Injuries: First Aid

A. Generally

As mandated in the legal reference to this policy each school in the division shall have a minimum of two full-time staff member who have attended and successfully completed courses approved by the State Board of Health in all of the following: cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), Heimlich maneuver and Basic first aid.

It is imperative that all schools have persons on school grounds throughout each day who have had this training.

B. Procedural Guidelines

1. Each principal shall determine the number of staff members who have successfully completed such courses.
2. In those instances where there are fewer than two qualified staff members volunteers shall be solicited for training programs.
3. Course fees and travel expenses related thereto for training and/or retraining will be paid by the school board.
4. Students, school staff and the central office shall be made aware of the identity of the individuals concerned.
5. Principals may exercise discretion in providing compensatory free time from routine non-class duties for staff called on their emergency team rosters.

C. Reports to the School Board

The superintendent shall advise the school board when the division is in compliance with this standard for accreditation.

Legal Reference: (1992) *Virginia Board of Education regulations updated.*

Virginia Board of Education Regulations, “Governing the Accreditation of Public Schools in Virginia” at S 8-19—“ Each school shall have a written procedure to be followed when students or staff are injured or become ill and keep documentation of all injuries which occur at school and on school buses.” And at S 8.20—“Each school shall have at least two full-time staff members who have attended and successfully completed courses approved by the State Board of Health in all of the following: cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), Heimlich maneuver, and basic first aid.” (January, 1991)

Editor’s Note:

The Department of Health recommends Basic First Aid Course (Red Cross) of 8 hours, Adult CPR of 6 hours and the Infant CPR of 6 hours if children eight years and under are in school. Divisions may choose other additional training.

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