

JGFGA – FIRST AID

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First aid may be administered to students only by those school employees qualified by training approved by the district and then only in case of emergency.

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First aid will be limited to the applying of simple bandages or infection preventatives and to any justifiable emergency aid such as stopping excessive bleeding to prevent further injury, disability or death.

At least one person in every school building in the district will be a trained person qualified to administer first aid.

Diagnosis, Treatment and Dispensation of Drugs

Diagnosis and treatment of illness and the prescribing of drugs, medicines and nostrums are not the responsibility of the public schools and are not to be practiced by any school personnel, including school nurses unless authorized hereinunder. School personnel are advised that the Nurse Practice Act KSA 65-1113 et seq., as amended, makes it illegal for school nurses to administer medications and treatment that have not been prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist. The law under this statute also prohibits any acts of diagnosis.

It is the opinion of the State Board of Health, the State Department of Education, the Kansas School Health Advisory Council and the board that the public school should never provide students with aspirin or any other medication. The decision as to whether aspirin is needed is a form of diagnosis, and the dispensing of this medication is a form of treatment. Neither diagnosis nor treatment, except under emergency conditions as outlined herein, is within the responsibilities of the school, since school personnel are not trained to make what are

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essentially medical decisions. Unauthorized administration of aspirin or other unprescribed medication shall not be practiced by any school personnel including school nurses.

In certain explained circumstances when medication is necessary in order that the student remain in school, the school may cooperate with parents in the administration of medication; but the medical person authorized to prescribe medication must send a written order to the building administrator who may administer or supervise the administration of the medication or treatment, and the parents must submit a written request to the building administrator requesting the school's cooperation in the administration of medication and releasing the school district and personnel from liability.

Under the following rules, the administration of medication by school personnel, including school nurses, is authorized:

School personnel shall not be required to be custodians of any medication except as required by a written order of a licensed medical person;

The medication shall be examined by the school employee administering the medication to determine in his/her judgment that it appears to be in the original container, to be properly labeled and be properly authorized by the written order of licensed medical person.

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