

**LEE COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**  
**Administrative Procedure for Do Not Resuscitate Orders**

Due to the complexity and severity of medical conditions that challenge students enrolled in educational programs operated by the Association, a parent or guardian might request that Association employees withhold certain types of emergency care for a student in the event of a life threatening medical emergency. Such a request would be made by providing a “Do Not Resuscitate” (“DNR”) order to school personnel. It is the general procedure of the Association that when any student enrolled in an Association educational program experiences sudden illness or injury that Association or District personnel shall provide emergency healthcare to preserve life and prevent disability and shall contact appropriate emergency personnel. Accordingly, the Association generally does not honor DNR orders in the school setting. A parent or guardian seeking an exception to this general policy must raise the issue with the student’s IEP team, which then shall make an individualized determination regarding the emergency medical treatment needs of the student. In no event will an individualized determination to honor a DNR order be made unless the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) have signed a release releasing the Association and its employees from any and all liability associated with withholding emergency medical care from the student.

In all cases, parents/guardians who submit DNR orders are advised of the following procedures:

- 1) Any DNR order submitted must be on a form approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health and must be signed by all parents and/or legal guardians.
- 2) When an Association program receives notification from a parent/guardian that a DNR order exists, the program administrator will notify the parent/guardian that Association personnel generally do not honor such requests, but that individualized determinations shall be made through the IEP process regarding what actions will be taken in the event of an emergency medical situation.
- 3) The DNR order will immediately be placed in the student’s medical file.
- 4) Association personnel who have been trained in emergency rescue procedures (e.g., CPR) are expected to administer first aid, including life saving resuscitating procedures, to a student in the event of an accident, choking, respiratory and/or life threatening emergency.
- 5) The student’s parent or guardian shall be contacted immediately or as soon as possible after the injury giving rise to the need for emergency medical assistance.
- 6) Community emergency rescue personnel (911) will be called immediately, and school personnel will continue resuscitation procedures until relieved by emergency rescue personnel.
- 7) When emergency rescue personnel arrive at the school site, school personnel will transfer responsibility for the student to the emergency rescue personnel.
- 8) Copies of this administrative procedure will be provided to parents/guardians and a copy placed in the student’s medical file.
- 9) Issues relating to DNR orders shall be addressed by the IEP team, and individualized determinations shall be made through the IEP process regarding

what actions will be taken for a student in the event of an emergency medical situation.

- 10) Applicable federal and state statutes and regulations take precedence over this policy. Registered nurses who believe they at the time are able to definitively determine that such an emergency is caused by the condition that prompted the parents/guardians to request the DNR order may choose to honor the DNR order.
- 11) Parent(s) and/or guardian(s) may at any time rescind a DNR order by providing the Association written or verbal notice.
- 12) The Association or any person aggrieved by application of this procedure or by a decision reached in the IEP process described in number 9 above may seek declaratory relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.