

Medical Emergencies on the School Bus

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Statement

Any medical event that occurs on a school bus is considered a medical emergency. All bus drivers are certified in First Aid, CPR and Epi-Pen administration. Should a bus driver have occasion to assist a rider, he/she does so in applying the “in loco parentis” principle and not as a healthcare professional. Where a Plan of Care for a student is provided to Tri-Board, only the emergency actions are applicable on the bus. It is the responsibility of the family of any student with a medical condition to recognize the limitations of providing healthcare on a school bus and to determine if other travel arrangements should be made.

Procedure

All medical events occurring on a school bus will be treated as an emergency. In all cases the driver will stop and properly secure the vehicle in the first available safe location and immediately call emergency services or request dispatch (the Operator) to do so.

The bus driver is responsible for:

- Ensuring all riders are safe;
- Assessing the situation and determining whether to administer First Aid, CPR, or Epi-Pen
- Reviewing the Plan of Care for the individual student, if applicable
- Staying with the student until the arrival of emergency services
- Immediately alerting dispatch of the situation
- Completing an Accident Report before leaving the scene

The Bus Operator is responsible for:

- Ensuring emergency services have been requested and an ambulance dispatched
- Reporting the event to the school and Tri-Board personnel as soon as possible
- Providing a list of students on board at the time of the accident to the school and Tri-Board
- Ensuring an Accident Report is completed and sent to Tri-Board within 48 hours
- Maintaining communication with the driver/monitor

Tri-Board is responsible for:

- Ensuring the school has been notified of the event and a list of students on board has been provided to school administration
- Ensure all reports are properly completed and submitted
- Ensure school board administration is aware of the event, if applicable

The School/School Board is responsible for:

- Notifying families of the event as needed. Tri-Board is not responsible for communicating with families
- Being available by phone during all times where students are being transported on school purpose vehicles