

## Students

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### **Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment**

Written orders from parent(s)/guardian(s) to forgo life-sustaining treatment for their child or ward must be signed by the child's physician and given to the Superintendent or designee. This policy shall be interpreted in accordance with the Illinois Health Care Surrogate Act (755 ILCS 40/).

Whenever an order to forgo life-sustaining treatment is received, the Superintendent or designee shall convene a multi-disciplinary team that includes the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) and physician, if written authorization is provided by the parent/guardian, as well as school personnel designated by the Superintendent. The team shall determine specific interventions to be used by school staff members in the event the child suffers a life-threatening episode at school or a school event. The District personnel shall convey orders to forgo life-sustaining treatment to the appropriate emergency or healthcare provider.

LEGAL REF.: Health Care Surrogate Act, 755 ILCS 40/  
Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Dept. of Health, 497 U.S. 261 (1990).  
In re: C.A., a minor, 603 N.E.2d 1171 (Ill.App.1, 1992).

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