

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** July 14, 2009

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED DELETION OF BOARD OF  
EDUCATION POLICY 5421 - LIFE-THREATENING MEDICAL  
EMERGENCIES**

**ORIGINATOR:** J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent

**RESOURCE  
PERSON(S):** Michele Prumo, Executive Director,  
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed deletion of Policy 5421.  
This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis  
Attachment II – Policy 5421

**Policy Analysis for  
Board of Education Policy 5421  
Life Threatening Emergencies**

Statement of Issues Addressed By the Proposed Policy

Board of Education Policy 5421 is addressed in Policy 2352, *Accidents/Medical Emergencies*, and therefore can be deleted

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by this deletion.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Board of Education Policy 2352 – *Accidents/Medical Emergencies*

Board of Education Policy 4007- *General, Health and Safety*

Board of Education Policy 3430 - *Transportation Services Procedures for Emergencies.*

Legal Requirements

None

Similar Policies Adopted by Other School Systems

None

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternative Considered By Staff

None

Timeline:

First reading – July 14, 2009

Public comment – August 11, 2009

Third reading – September 8, 2009

STUDENTS: Services to Students

Life-Threatening Medical Emergencies

All students will be provided with immediate first aid and 911 emergency rescue services when an injury, medical crisis or life-threatening episode occurs at school. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or emergency airway management is to be administered to any indicated student per American Heart Association guidelines. There will be two qualified personnel in each school who are certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid; one of these must be the registered nurse-school nurse. If the attending physician of a terminally ill child has entered a Do Not Resuscitate order on the authorization of the child's parents, school administrators must act in accordance with the order and refrain from medical interventions that are not consistent with it.

Legal References: 79 Opinions of the Attorney General (1994)  
[Opinion No. 94-028-May 13, 1994]  
Education Article 7-401  
School Health Services Standards: 13A.05.05.05.15

Policy  
Adopted: 8/9/94]

Board of Education of Baltimore County