



The Classical Academy	Policies and Procedures
Policy Name:	CPR Directive/Do Not Attempt to Resuscitate Procedure
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Rationale: The greater inclusion of students with disabilities and advancements in medical technology have led to an increase in the number of students with significant medical needs in schools. Although rare, it is now possible for a student to be attending school in an advanced terminal condition and/or complex, chronic medical conditions where CPR is unlikely to be effective or when the risks outweigh the benefits.

1. A “Do Not Attempt Resuscitate” (DNAR) order is a health care provider’s order stating that certain life sustaining procedures shall not be performed on a patient. Parents/guardians of a minor child who is subject to a DNAR order may execute a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Directive. A CPR Directive is a written instruction by the student’s parent/guardian and health care provider that cardiopulmonary resuscitation is not to be performed for the child.
2. The Classical Academy acknowledges that “the authority for CPR directives lies with the health care provider and parents” as per Colorado Law; therefore our school district will acknowledge student DNAR orders signed by the parent/guardian and physician as well as implement the CPR directive/DNAR orders whenever possible in the school setting based on a variety of indicators.
3. Any parent/guardian wishing to have a CPR directive implemented in the school setting as part of a student’s Individualized Health Care Plan shall present to the school the directive signed by both the parent/guardian and the health care provider. TCA recommends using the official blue template form provided by the Colorado Board of Health form attached, signed by the physician and parent/guardian.
4. Within a reasonable time from the receipt of the signed CPR directive, the school principal or designee in collaboration with the district school nurse shall convene a multidisciplinary school-based team (CPR Directive Team) to determine whether the CPR directive can be implemented in the school setting and if so, shall design a protocol for handling the student’s health related emergency events; including the comfort, dignity, and privacy measures to be provided to the student. The team may be comprised of the student’s parent/guardian, the school administrator or designee, the school nurse, local emergency medical personnel, the school counselor, school district legal counsel, the students’ teacher(s), and the student’s case manager if the student has an IEP (Individualized Education Plan).

5. Only a registered professional nurse has the knowledge base to make an assessment as to when and how to render care to a child, and to implement a DNAR order. This duty may not be delegated to school paraprofessionals.
6. Revoking a CPR Directive/DNAR order: Parents/guardians wishing to revoke a CPR directive/DNAR order may do so at any time by providing a signed, written revocation request to the school principal or school nurse. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to inform their medical provider and EMT personnel regarding revocation of the CPR directive/DNAR order.
7. Parents/Guardians will sign medical release(s) at implementation of the CPR Directive/DNAR order allowing the district nurse to contact's physician and private nursing care providers.
8. 911 must be called in the event of a DNAR event on a student. The CPR directive will be presented to emergency personnel on arrival at the school.
9. The parent will meet with the school nurse annually to determine continued CPR Directive/DNAR status.

Policy Revision History

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8/7/2013	Reformatted policy into new template. Completed annual review.	Tammie Chasteen