



# REDEEMER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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## **RCA Medical Emergencies and Health Care Policy**

In the event that a student becomes seriously ill, injured, or otherwise requires urgent medical attention while under the care and supervision of RCA, the school is committed to acting promptly and responsibly to safeguard the student's wellbeing.

Where RCA staff are unable to contact the Parents/Guardians or designated emergency contacts after making reasonable attempts to do so, or where it is impractical to do so due to the urgency of the situation, RCA is authorized to take the following actions:

### **9.1 First Aid and Immediate Response**

- RCA staff may administer first aid to the Student as deemed necessary and appropriate under the circumstances.

### **9.2 Emergency Medical Services**

- RCA staff may call an ambulance or arrange emergency transport to a medical facility if, in their judgment, the Student requires immediate professional care.
- RCA staff may accompany the Student to the hospital or remain with them until a Parent/Guardian or emergency contact arrives.

### **9.3 Consent to Medical Treatment**

- Where professional medical, dental, or surgical care is required, and a Parent/Guardian cannot be reached, RCA staff are authorized to consent to treatment on the Student's behalf, based on the advice of attending licensed healthcare professionals.
- This may include, but is not limited to, diagnostic procedures, medications, surgery, anesthesia, or hospitalization as deemed necessary for the Student's immediate health and safety.

### **9.4 Communication and Documentation**

- RCA will make every effort to contact the Parents/Guardians as soon as possible and keep them informed of any medical emergency involving their child.

- A written incident report will be provided upon request, and records of treatment and emergency response will be retained by the school in accordance with privacy and health record regulations.

### **9.5 Financial Responsibility**

- Parents/Guardians accept full responsibility for any medical expenses, ambulance fees, or hospital costs incurred as a result of a medical emergency involving their child while at school or during school-related activities.
- RCA encourages families to maintain adequate medical insurance to cover such situations.

### **9.6 Standing Medical Information**

- It is the responsibility of the Parents/Guardians to provide RCA with up-to-date medical information, including known allergies, chronic conditions, medications, emergency action plans, and physician contact details.
- Any changes to the Student's medical condition during the year must be communicated to RCA in writing without delay.

### **9.7 Administering Medication**

- RCA will administer prescription medication to students under the following conditions:
  - The prescription medication must have written documentation from the student's doctor and parent.
  - Prescription medications must be in the original pharmacy container, labeled with the student's name, date, medication, dose, time to be taken at school, and length of treatment if applicable.
  - A parent or guardian must deliver the medication to the relevant RCA staff member, the student is not to transport the medication.
- RCA will administer non-prescription medication under the following circumstances:
  - Medications must be in the original container, labeled with the student's name, date, medication, dose, time to be taken at school, and length of treatment if applicable.
  - Medication will only need to be administered for up to 3 consecutive days or 5 days per month.
  - Common medications that the RCA office has available may be administered after electronic or verbal communication with a parent/guardian. These may include but are not limited to: Tylenol (acetaminophen), Advil or Motrin (ibuprofen), Anti-itch lotion (calagel, caladryl, cortisone cream), Cough Drops, Neosporin (triple antibiotic cream), Benadryl (diphenhydramine)