

Policy Number: HS 017	Title: Human Bites at School
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POLICY:

Staff will follow the following protocol to ensure the safety of all children in the classroom.

PROCEDURE:

FOR PERSON BITTEN:

- Determine if the skin is broken- look for bleeding or visible open areas in the skin near bite
- If the skin is **not** broken, clean the wound with soap and water; apply a cold compress, and soothe the child.
- If the skin **is** broken, let the wound bleed gently.
- Clean the wound thoroughly with antibacterial soap and water to assure removal of saliva. Hold area under tepid running water for several minutes if not bleeding profusely.
- Apply clean pressure dressing if bleeding. Apply direct pressure for bleeding if necessary.
- Apply dry, clean dressing. (Sterile if possible)
- Promptly advise school administrator/nurse of incident and plan for prompt parental notification.
- Advise parents of pertinent health recommendations.
- **Whenever skin is broken**, prompt consultation with a health care provider for direction regarding any necessary treatment measures is needed, including tetanus immunization status. Although the risk of disease transmission from a human bite is minimal, the degree of risk to the person should be evaluated by a healthcare provider.
- Teaching staff complete an accident report to be submitted to the Health Coordinator and school nurse. The incident will be documented in Child Plus as well.

FOR BITER:

- When blood is drawn during biting incident, assist student to rinse mouth with water to remove possible residual blood.
- Promptly advise administrator/nurse of incident and plan for prompt parental notification.
- Advise parents of pertinent health recommendations, including prompt consultation with a health care provider. Although the risk of disease

transmission from a human bite is minimal, the degree of risk to the person should be evaluated by a healthcare provider.

- Refer students, as needed, for behavior management interventions to help prevent future incidents.
- Teaching staff complete an accident report to be submitted to the Health Coordinator and school nurse. Documentation of the incident will be entered in Child Plus.

Teaching staff will address the problem of biting by assessing the reasons and determine a solution for preventing the behavior and to teach new acceptable behaviors. Teaching staff and/or the Family Advocate will share information about the causes of biting and the program's plan for controlling the situation with the families.