

FIRST AID AND/OR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (C.P.R.)

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Reviewed by Board of Managers March 2012

- WHEREAS, The First Aid and/or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (C.P.R.) Resolution was adopted in 1979 by the California State PTA; and
- WHEREAS, The California State PTA supported legislation related to C.P.R. instruction in the schools; and
- WHEREAS, A 1986 survey of high school districts throughout the state indicated that C.P.R. still is not included in the curricula of significant numbers of secondary schools; and
- WHEREAS, Emergency first aid is an important part of a good disaster preparedness program; and
- WHEREAS, In May 1986 the California State PTA adopted the resolution “Disaster Preparedness,” affirming its commitment to the implementation of these programs; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA reaffirm the principles of the 1979 convention resolution, “First Aid and/or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation;” and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge its units, councils and districts to work with their local school district governing boards to provide first aid and C.P.R. training and certification for school staff; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA actively encourage its units, councils and districts to promote first aid and C.P.R. programs for students in the upper elementary and all secondary schools; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA actively encourage its units, councils and districts to contact and cooperate with local agencies to provide first aid and/or cardiopulmonary resuscitation training to upper elementary and all secondary schools.

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

A national conference of medical and emergency health care experts in 1985 reaffirmed that "...early bystander C.P.R. remains the critical element in prevention of sudden death." In 1986 the American Academy of Pediatrics called "...for students in the nation's schools to receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.) training during grades 8-12." And yet, a recent survey of California high schools suggested that more than 65% of these schools provide little or no C.P.R. training to their students.

The reaffirmation proposed here is solidly supported by PTA precepts. The California State PTA has long been concerned with comprehensive health education as an integral and basic part of the school curriculum.