

BLEEDING

Wear disposable gloves when exposed to blood or other body fluids.

Is the injured part amputated (severed)?

Also see "AMPUTATION."

YES

NO

Call EMS/911

- Press firmly for 5-10 minutes with a clean bandage to stop bleeding.
- Elevate bleeding body part gently above the level of the heart.
- If fracture is suspected, gently support part and elevate.
- Bandage wound firmly without interfering with circulation to the body part.
- If bleeding is severe enough that tourniquet is needed, call EMS and apply tourniquet if trained to do so and have appropriate equipment.

- Locate the amputated body part.
- Keep the body part dry.
- Wrap the body part in a clean, dry, sterile
- Put in a plastic bag and place it on ice.
- DO NOT submerge the body part in ice or water.
- Send bag to the hospital with student.

Is there continued uncontrollable bleeding?

YES

Call EMS/911

NO

Is the wound gaping?

YES

NO

Put clean bandage, such as band-aid, on wound.

If student's clothes became soiled with blood, find a change of clothing. Send soiled clothes home with student.

Allow the student to return to class.

If wound is gaping, student may need stitches. Contact responsible school authority and parent/guardian.
URGE MEDICAL CARE.

Document care provided.

- Have the student lie down, do not place anything under their head.
- Elevate student's feet 8-10 inches unless this causes the student pain or discomfort or a neck/back injury is suspected.
- Cover student with blanket or sheet to maintain student's normal body temperature.
- Add more dressing if needed but do not remove previous dressings.

Contact responsible school authority & parent/guardian.