SUPPORT SERVICES

Training of School Personnel in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Heimlich Maneuver, and Basic First Aid

Under State Superintendent's Memo #256 dated December 24, 1986, the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State of Virginia requested that all schools have persons on school grounds throughout each school day who are trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver.

Under Part VI of the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia, Item C states in part: "Each school shall have contingency plans for emergencies that include staff certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), the Heimlich Maneuver (for choking), and emergency first aid."

To comply with the standard and the State Superintendent's request, each school principal shall have at least two full-time staff members trained in all of the following: cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Heimlich Maneuver, and emergency first aid.

In order to assist principals in meeting this standard, the Staff Development Office will provide annual training sessions to certify or recertify staff members.

School principals, site managers, and the area associate superintendents are responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.