SIOUX CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Seizure Procedures

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Sioux Center Christian School does have students who experience seizures.

Some Sioux Center Christian School students have a type of seizure that makes them look dazed. They might even still be standing or sitting up. These students need to be protected from falls. Their seizures only last a few seconds, but the school nurse should be notified how long and how often the seizures occur.

Students you find seizing on the playground or in the hallway or other common areas might have a history of seizures or might have hit their head hard enough to cause one. When a child has a history of seizures, it's not considered an emergency unless the seizure lasts longer than 2 minutes. A new onset seizure on a child who has never had one before is considered an emergency immediately.

If you respond to a child seizing, make sure they are on the ground so they cannot fall. Try to keep their airway open by turning them a little to one side. They will be drooling and might vomit, so secretions need to be able to drain out of the mouth. Most children don't breath very deeply during seizures, so they might become a little pale, especially around the mouth. If they stop breathing, start rescue breathing for them. It is very rare for a student to stop breathing during or after a seizure. If you believe the seizure might have been caused by an injury, try to move the student as little as possible, keeping especially the head and neck still.

Some students at school have seizure medications, which are to be used only if the seizure hasn't stopped after 2 minutes.

Please contact the school nurse for more information.