



Gladeater ISD Health Services

Protocol for Human Bite Incident

In an effort to track and put preventative measures in place, GISD is instituting the following protocol for bites in the school setting.

Please follow procedures in the event of a human bite wound

If the skin is NOT broken:

1. The school nurse will assess the wound
2. The wound will be cleaned with soap and water
3. A cold compress may be applied
4. The victim's parent/guardian will be notified by the teacher and/or administrator. Teacher and/or administrator to state to parent/guardian that student has been evaluated by a nurse.
5. The biter's parent/guardian will be notified by the teacher and/or administrator by the end of the school day.
6. The school nurse will document the biting incident into Ascender for both the biter and victim.
7. **Confidentiality of all children involved will be maintained.**

If the skin IS broken:

1. The school nurse will assess the wound
2. The wound will be cleaned with soap and water
3. A bandage may be applied with cold compress
4. The school nurse will check Hepatitis B and Tetanus immunization status for compliance for both the biter and the victim.
5. **When a student bites an employee:** Employees will be advised to contact Gay Roebuck and complete the worker's compensation forms. Medical evaluation will be advised due to the possible exchange of blood or body fluids.
6. **When a student bites another student:** The nurse will recommend follow up care with a pediatrician or healthcare provider for the victim due to the possible exchange of blood or body fluids. The nurse will complete a student injury document.
7. The victim's parent/guardian will be notified by the nurse with a referral to seek medical attention within 2 hours of the incident.
8. The biter's parent/guardian will be notified by the teacher and/or administrator by the end of the school day.
9. The school nurse will document the incident into Ascender for both the biter and the victim.
9. Classroom staff will confer with the administrator and/or behavioral interventionist to review the context of the biting incident.
10. **Confidentiality of all children involved will be maintained.**