MIRAMAR, Fla. - Isaiah Laurencin, a senior offensive lineman from Miramar High School, died early Wednesday morning at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood.

According to a Broward schools district spokesperson Nadine Drew, Laurencin collapsed during a football conditioning drill on the football field at Miramar High after 5 p.m. Tuesday. He was taken to Memorial West and later transferred to DiMaggio, where he was pronounced dead.

Laurencin, a 6-foot-3, 286-pound guard, was two weeks from his 17th birthday.

The cause of Laurencin's death is unknown. The Broward Medical Examiner’s Office said Wednesday afternoon that an autopsy was scheduled for Thursday. Miramar High was closed Wednesday and a police officer refused media access to the campus.

Drew said Laurencin did not participate in much of the team's workout Tuesday. "He indicated from the offset that he wasn’t feeling well," she said. The workout was supervised by Miramar coaches in compliance with Florida High School Athletic Association rules, said Damian Huttenhoff, director of athletics and student activities for Broward County Schools.

Dr. Michael Davidson, a faculty member of the FAU School of Medicine, said the three most common causes of death among athletes are complications related to sickle cell trait, heatstroke and undiagnosed cardiac problems.

Classmates and family members were in a state of shock at the sudden death of the popular Laurencin, who was viewed as a potential collegiate football prospect and was described cousin Noel Laurencin, 21, of Sunrise as a "playful and fun-loving person."

Efforts to reach immediate family members were unsuccessful. "They are taking it hard of course, but they are not open for discussion today," Noel Laurencin said.

An "Isaiah Laurencin Tribute" page was created on Facebook on Wednesday.

"I knew him since we were freshman," said Danielle Hewitt, a majorette in the Miramar High band. "He used to make us laugh all the time. He was known as the class clown."

"He got along with everyone and was very friendly."
Said senior Eric Coney: “He had so much energy. He was very friendly. I didn’t know him real well, but he was cool people.”

More to come.

Sun Sentinel Staff writers Robert Nolin, Dieter Kurtenbach, Doug Phillips and Danielle Alvarez contributed to this report.

Copyright 2011 Scripps Media, Inc. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten, or redistributed.