



EVERYDAY HERO STORIES:

A Valentine's Day Special

Quick Facts

Hero:
Andrew Ramirez

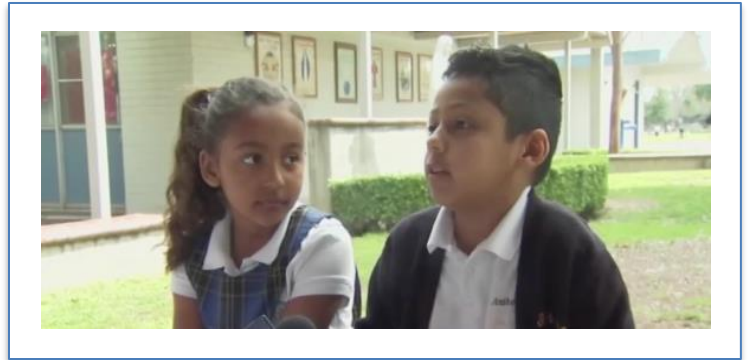
Age:
8

Learned Skill:
From his father

Saved:
Classmate

An 8-year-old boy saved the life of his choking classmate during a Valentine's Day party at school.

Andrew Ramirez knew just what to do when he saw Makayla Annis turning red and grabbing her neck.



Makayla Annis and Andrew Ramirez

"My desk partner made me laugh too hard when I ate a gummy bear and then I kind of tried to swallow it and I started choking," said Makayla.

Ramirez knew how to perform the Heimlich because his father, an emergency room doctor, showed him the maneuver. Read more [here](#).

"If she turned blue she would have to go to the hospital too, so I didn't want that to happen."

— Andrew