

Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Purpose

This policy defines a life-threatening health condition and sets forth the requirements for parents or guardians and schools to address students with serious health conditions.

Scope

This policy applies to the Superintendent, administrators, school nurse, parents, students and all district employees responsible for the care of a student with a life-threatening health condition.

Policy

1. Prior to attendance each school year, a child with a life-threatening health condition shall present a medication or treatment order addressing the condition. A life-threatening health condition means a condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day if a medication or treatment order providing authority to a registered nurse and nursing plan are not in place. Following submission of a current medication or treatment order with licensed healthcare provider instructions, a nursing plan shall be developed with the help of the school nurse.
2. Students who have a life-threatening health condition and no medication or treatment order presented to the school will be excluded from school, to the extent that the district can do so consistent with federal requirements for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and according to the following due process requirements:
 - (a) Written notice delivered in person or by certified mail to the parents, guardians or persons assuming custodial responsibility and authority for the student.
 - (b) Notice of the applicable laws, including a copy of the laws and rules.
 - (c) The order that the student will be excluded from school immediately and until a medication or treatment order is presented.
 - (d) Explanation of the rights of the parents and student to a hearing, the hearing process and that the exclusion continues until the medication or treatment plan is presented or the hearing officer determines that the student should no longer be excluded from school.
 - (e) If the parents request a hearing, the district will schedule one within three (3) school days of receiving the request, unless more time is requested by the parents.
 - (f) The hearing process will be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to WAC 392-400 and district Policy 3302-Expulsion or Long-term Suspension.

Related Procedures

3416P1-Medication at School

Policy Cross References

- 3302-Expulsion or Long Term Suspension
- 3410-Student Health
- 3415-Accommodating Students with Diabetes
- 3416-Medication at School
- 3418-Response to Student Injury or Illness

Policy Legal References

- RCW 28A.210.320 – Children with life-threatening health conditions – Medication or treatment orders – Rules
- WAC 392-380 – Public school pupils – Immunization requirement and life-threatening health condition

Management Resources

- Policy News*, August 2012 – Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions
- Policy News*, October 2002 – Legislature Addresses “Life-Threatening Condition”
- 3413F1-Student Health Conditions
- 3415F1-Section 504 Plan for Diabetic Care

Policy History

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