

Dear Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of SHB 2834 - Children With Life Threatening Conditions, a law enacted in Washington State to help your child's school provide for the safety and health of children during the school day.

The law defines a life-threatening condition as "a health condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day if a medication or treatment order and a health plan are not in place". Children with life-threatening conditions such as severe bee sting or food allergies, severe asthma, unstable diabetes, severe seizures, etc., are now required to have a health plan and medication or treatment order in place **before** they start school. The medication or treatment order must be from the child's licensed health care provider.

If a medication or treatment order is not provided, the chief administrator of the school is required to exclude the child until such order has been provided. This requirement applies to students with a life-threatening condition who are new to the district, and students who are already attending the school. Our exclusion procedures are in accordance with the rules (WACs) of the State Board of Education. This paperwork must be updated **every new school year**.

**If your child has a life-threatening health condition that may require medical services to be performed at school, immediately notify your school's nurse.** This step is vital to your child's safety during the school day.

We also respectfully ask your help in informing us of any other health conditions. While we have knowledge of some conditions, we feel there are children in our district with medical or mental health issues of which we are unaware. Please call us with that information as we strive to insure a successful school experience for your child.

Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions or would like further clarification.



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