

KSD Nursing Services

Life Threatening Health Conditions

Washington State Law RCW 28A.210. states that students with life-threatening health conditions **MUST** have medication or treatment orders **AND** a nursing plan in place **PRIOR** to attending school. This includes students with conditions such as severe bee sting or food allergies (for which a health care provider has prescribed emergency medications), asthma, diabetes and certain heart conditions. If your child has such a condition, notify your School Nurse, who will provide you with the necessary forms or you may locate them at the district web page: www.ksd.org. All health information is confidential and will only be shared with school personnel on a need to know basis within the school.

Medication at School

Medications should be given at home if at all possible. **IF** any medication (Over the Counter or prescription) needs to be given to your child at school, a Medication at School form completed by the prescribing Health Care Provider **AND** signed by the parent must be provided to the School **BEFORE** the medication can be administered by school personnel. For student safety reasons, some medications are **NOT** recommended to be given by personnel during the school day, for example, prescription pain medications: If a child requires this level of pain control it is the KSD nursing staff's opinion that this child needs to remain at home until the pain can be maintained with over the counter approved medication, or is finally pain free to focus on learning at school.
See your school secretary, School Nurse or the KSD website for this form.

Immunization Compliance

It is the intent of the state of Washington that all children are protected against all vaccine preventable diseases. PRIOR to attendance, all children MUST have a completed Certificate of Immunization form on file at the school of attendance (even if they only attend for one class/day or participates in any KSD program) according to RCW 28A.210.120. Some families do opt to sign a waiver of personal exemption. However, that does carry the risk of exclusion from school in the event of a vaccine preventable outbreak of disease. Those students will remain out of school until the public health administrator deems it safe to return to school unvaccinated.

A list of the immunizations required for school attendance for the current school year can also be found on the web site as a reference for your family. The Certificate of Immunization Status and Exemption forms are in each school office and available online at the KSD website.

Your KSD nursing staff wishes you a happy and healthy learning environment in which your student can learn at his or her most advantageous rate.