



Children with Life Threatening Conditions Law

A new law enacted in Washington State will help schools provide for the safety and health of children during the school day. This law, Substitute House Bill 2834, Children with Life-Threatening Conditions, took effect June 13, 2002.

The law defines 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 nursing 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 medication or treatment order and nursing plan 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.

It is vital to your child's safety during the school day that **if your child has a life-threatening health condition that may require medical services to be performed at school, you immediately notify your principal or school nurse.** The Emergency Health Care Plan form will be provided and a time will be arranged for you to meet with your child's school nurse **prior to attending school.**

Please call [your school nurse](#) if you have questions or would like further clarification.

Life-Threatening Conditions

It is the policy of the Issaquah School District that students who are known to have a life-threatening condition and who do not have a medication or treatment order in place at school shall be excluded from school until such time as the order is in place or until an independent hearing officer reinstates the student. A life threatening health condition is defined as a health condition that will put the student in danger of death during the school day if a medication or treatment order and an Individual Health Care Plan are not in place

Upon presentation of a medication or treatment order, an Individual Health Care Plan must be developed to implement the order.

Each year, or more frequently if necessary, the parent/guardian is required to provide medication or equipment necessary to carry out the medication or treatment order.

Reference: RCW 28A.210.320
WAC Chapter 180-38

Cross Reference: 3420 P Life-Threatening Conditions
3416 Medications at Schools

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