

## Life Threatening Conditions

### I. Definitions

*Life-Threatening 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.

*Medication or Treatment Order* is defined as the authority a registered nurse obtains under RCW 18.79.260(2) (the registered nurse practice act).

*Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP)* means a care plan developed by the nurse and the parents and others as necessary, to ensure the student's continued health and safety while at school. The IHCP will be distributed to appropriate staff members.

### II. Exclusion

A student who is known to have a life-threatening condition must present a medication or treatment order before the first day of school attendance. If the student arrives at school without a medication or treatment order, the following due process procedures apply:

1. The District will send written notice to the parent or guardian stating that the student must have a medication or treatment order or the student will be excluded from school. The notice will be in the parent's native language if feasible;
2. The notice will state that the exclusion is effective upon receipt of the notice;
3. The written notice shall be delivered in person or by certified mail, and will include information on the applicable laws, as well as this procedure;
4. The written notice will explain the right to a hearing and the hearing procedures.
5. The written notice will state that the student will be excluded immediately, unless a medication or treatment order is provided, or unless a hearing officer determines that the student should no longer be excluded from school.

### III. Hearing

1. If a parent or guardian requests a hearing under this procedure, one shall be scheduled within three school days of receiving the request, unless the parent requests more time.
2. The hearing shall be consistent with the hearings for disciplinary procedures under WAC Chapter 180-40.
3. The student shall be excluded until the hearing officer makes a decision or until a medication or treatment order is provided.

#### IV. Reinstatement

The student shall immediately be allowed to return to school upon the receipt of either a medication or treatment order and any medication or equipment identified in the order as necessary to carry out the order; or upon a decision by a hearing officer that the student should no longer be excluded from school.

#### V. Process

On or before the first day of school attendance the parent or guardian of a student with a life-threatening condition must provide to the school nurse, a copy of the medication or treatment order. If the District is aware that a student has a life-threatening condition, the District will attempt to send notice of this policy and procedure to the family before school begins. Failure to receive written notice before school starts does not mean the parent need not comply with this policy and procedure, but it may delay the exclusion of the student from school.

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

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

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