

**Ron Thiele, Superintendent**

To: Parents of Children with Special Health Care Needs

Re: Requirements for a medication or treatment order and a health care plan to be in place prior to attending school.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of WA State Law RCW 28A.210.320 titled, “Children with life-threatening health conditions – Medication or treatment orders –Rules.”

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 nursing plan are not in place.” Some common life-threatening conditions are:

- Severe allergies that have an EpiPen™ prescribed
- Severe asthma
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy (a seizure disorder)
- Cardiac conditions
- Adrenal insufficiency

Students with these conditions must have a medication or treatment order and nursing care plan in place before they start school. The medication or treatment order must be from the child’s licensed health care provider.

If a current 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 to students who are already enrolled in the district. Our exclusion procedures are in accordance with the rules (WAC’s) of the State Board of Education.

RCW 28A.210.330 requires that all children with diabetes have an individualized health care plan and supplies in place before entering school.

It is vital to your child’s safety during the school day that if your child has one of the life-threatening health conditions listed above, immediately notify your School Nurse.