

Does Your Child Have a Significant Medical Condition?

Important health information for students new to Seattle Public Schools or student changing schools.

Appropriate School Placement to Assure Nursing Services

In order to enroll your student in the appropriate program, it is advised that you contact Student Health Services at (206) 252-0750 on or before the date you enroll if your child has a medical condition that involves:

- Needing medications at school that are injected (EpiPen is the exception), suppository, applied to the skin, or ear/eye drops.
- Needing assistance with a procedure during the school day such as blood sugars, sterile catheterization, or something else that requires licensed nursing support.

If you have questions, we encourage you to contact Student Health Services on or before the date you enroll in Seattle Public Schools. However, to ensure you receive priority for assignment you must enroll and apply during the “on time” enrollment period. So, even if you have not had an opportunity to talk with Student Health Services, please submit your enrollment materials during this time and talk with Student Health Services as soon as possible.

When you contact Student Health Services, a nurse will discuss the options for appropriate care of your child, including the school location(s) where your child’s health needs can best be met. You’ll be asked to provide your name, phone number, the student’s name, student’s I.D. number (if known), grade level, birth date, and medical condition needing special attention.

Life-Threatening Plan of Care

If your child has a life-threatening condition that could cause death during the school day, such as severe asthma, anaphylaxis, uncontrollable seizures, or diabetes, state law requires that the school must receive a treatment and/or medication order, and the school nurse must create an individual health care plan for the student, BEFORE the child can attend school. **All students with diabetes are required to have an individual health plan.** If your child does not have the treatment and medication order your student may be excluded from school.

If your child has a health issue that does not fall into the categories noted above, please contact the school nurse at the beginning of the school year to develop an appropriate health plan.

For questions about health services or medical conditions, call Student Health Services, (206) 252-0750. Explore this web site for medical forms, information, and resources.