

Mercer Island School District
4160 86th Ave. SE
Mercer Island, Washington 98040-4196

Re: Children with Life Threatening Conditions – Annual Notice

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the law enacted to help your child’s school provide for the safety and health of children during the school day. The Law states that:

Children with life-threatening conditions such as severe bee sting or food allergies, severe asthma, diabetes, severe seizures, etc., are required to have a medication or treatment order and nursing care plan in place while they are in 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.

Substitute House Bill 2834, *Children with Life-Threatening Conditions*, which took effect June 13, 2002, 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.”

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 you immediately notify your school nurse if your child has a life-threatening health condition that may require medical services to be performed at school. The school nurse will create your child’s emergency health care plan with your help. Call the school nurse (see phone numbers listed) and leave a detailed and confidential message, including best times to contact you.

Lakeridge Elementary	230-6231	Islander Middle School	230-6158
West Mercer Elementary	230-6044	Mercer Island High School	230-3377
Island Park Elementary	230-6281	Preschool	230-6281

For your convenience, the Medication Policy and Provider/Medication Authorization Forms can be downloaded from the District Web site [www.misd.wednet.edu] or the School Nurse Web site [www.misd.wednet.edu/SNEWS]. Children with a life threatening condition requiring medication should have these forms completed before they start school.