

MIDDLE SCHOOL HEALTH & IMMUNIZATION POLICIES

BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT Bellevue, Washington 2012-2013

Life Threatening Health Conditions:

Prior to the attendance at school, each child with a life-threatening health condition shall present a medication or treatment order addressing the condition. A life threatening health condition means a condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day if a medication or treatment plan is not in place. Following submission of the medication or treatment order, a health care plan shall be developed by the School Nurse. Students who have a life threatening health condition and no medication or treatment plan in place shall be excluded from school. This is consistent with federal requirements for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. **It is the parent responsibility to contact the School Nurse prior to attending school.**

Immunizations:

A completed Certificate of Immunization Status is required by WA State Law and BSD policy for school attendance. The Washington State Immunization Law requires that any student entering a school district for the first time, must present to the school the dates (month, day, and year) of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), Varicella and Hepatitis B. **FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE DOCUMENTATION OF ONE DOSE TDAP FOR 6TH, 7TH and 8th GRADE. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER. NOTE DATE ON ENCLOSED TDAP FORM and return form to school by the first day of school.**

Health Examination:

In accordance to Bellevue School District Policy (4320 – School Health Services), a health examination is required before entering kindergarten, **middle school** and high school. HEALTH EXAMINATION IS REQUIRED FOR PE PARTICIPATION. Students **new** to Bellevue schools are also required to have a health examination or to submit the results of a previous examination at the required school level while a resident in another school district.

Medications at School:

Bellevue School District has a **no drug** policy, **which includes any over-the-counter medication, herbal medications and prescription medications.** In the event that there is a valid health reason which requires the administration of any medication to a student during school hours, **proper notification and authorization must be completed** in compliance with RCW 28A.210.260 and the Washington State Nurse Practice Act. A written authorization form must be filled out and **signed by both the parent and a licensed health care provider** for any over-the-counter medication, prescription medication, herbal medications and epinephrine injections. This form must be on file in the office and is good for the current school year, unless a shorter period is specified. The Medication Authorization form is available in the school office and on the district web page.

Bellevue School Nurse Health Information:

On Bellevue School District's Web site, the school nurses have put information about health requirements as well as many of the health forms that are required for school attendance. You can find suggested guidelines for deciding if your child is too sick to attend school, what immunizations are required for your child's grade level, copies of different Health Care Plans and links to community sites that parents might find useful. Go to the Bellevue School District Web site at www.bsd405.org – schools - services.

Vision and Hearing Screening:

The Bellevue School District provides vision and hearing screening programs. Vision and hearing screening is conducted annually in kindergarten through fifth grade, and in **seventh grade.** A student at any grade level having a suspected hearing or vision problem can obtain a vision or hearing screening at anytime. Referrals can be originated by the teacher, parents, or students themselves.

If you have any questions, please contact Sonja Reid, BSD Lead Nurse @ reids@bsd405.org