

# Seacrest Country Day School Health and Medical Policy

## **If your child wakes up sick on a school day:**

- Please call the school prior to 8:30 am and let the office know of your child's absence.
- Please do not send your child to school with a bad cold or the flu.
- Please be aware that your child should be kept home for 24 hours following a fever of 100° F or higher or within 24 hours of vomiting.

## **If your child has a contagious illness:**

- Please call the school and notify the nurse immediately if your child has been diagnosed with conjunctivitis (pink eye), strep throat, head lice, chicken pox, fifth's disease, the flu or any other infectious type illness.
- Please have your child's health care provider sign a note approving the student's return to school.

## **If your child should become ill during the school day:**

- Parents will be called.
- If parents cannot be reached, the instruction on the "Seacrest Enrollment/Emergency Form" will be followed. Please keep us updated with this information.

## **Medication**

- No medication (prescription or over-the-counter) may be given by school personnel without the signed permission of a parent or guardian.
- All medications must be brought to the office by the parent or guardian in the original current container or prescription bottle. By Florida School Regulations, we must dispose of any medications that are received in anything other than the original, current container or prescription bottle. (Pharmacists are usually more than willing to divide a prescription between two bottles.)
- No medication of any type may be sent to school by backpack. However, if a student must carry an EpiPen for severe allergies or an inhaler for asthma with him/her at all times, a letter from a doctor is required. Students with diabetes utilizing the insulin pump should communicate their individual circumstances with the nurse.

## **If your child sustains an injury outside of school**

- Injuries that require medical treatment during the school day should be made known to the school nurse.
- Medical treatment required once the student returns to school may include ice and elevation, medication, bandage change, use of crutches or wheelchair.

## **Wheelchair use**

- Students with a sprained or broken leg/foot/ankle who have been issued crutches by a healthcare provider often find it difficult to get around campus.
- A wheelchair is available for student use at a parent's request.
- Please communicate your child's needs to the nurse.

## **Elevator use**

- Students requiring the use of the elevator to get to a classroom must be issued a pass from the school nurse.
- A parent/guardian should communicate their child's specific needs to the school nurse.
- Use of the elevator is limited to the student and one buddy or adult.
- Students are never allowed to ride the elevator alone.

## **Communication**

- If your child has any specific health care needs such as an allergy to foods or the environment, asthma related problems or any other health care needs, please contact the school nurse.
- Proper communication between the parent/guardian and the school staff will allow for the appropriate care and treatment of your child to be put in place.
- When sending a communication to the school regarding specific medical information pertaining to your child, it is helpful to notify both the school nurse and the student's teacher. This will eliminate any confusion regarding your child's care.