

## **Nursing Office Intake Policies**

### **Medication Policy**

Substance abuse is a critical issue which our school takes seriously and needs to be proactive with. Problems with drugs cause pervasive damage in every segment of our society and have no age, race, ethnic or gender boundaries. Establishing an effective program to decrease the possibility of drug ingestion in school is a top priority. South Shore Educational Collaborative (SSEC) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) prohibit students from carrying medications to and from school on transportation. Students are not allowed to carry medication into the school building other than life saving rescue inhalers or EPIPENS. If medication is required to be administered by the school nurse during the school day a parent/guardian or responsible adult must obtain a prescribers order, deliver the medication to the nurse's office and participate in the counting and signing off of medication.

### **Food Allergies in School**

Several students at SSEC have potentially life threatening food allergies. We respectfully request that your student does not bring any nut containing foods into school and does not share food with other students. Staff members who work with students with food allergies will have access to their food allergy plan so they may assist in preventing ingestion of food allergens. We cannot guarantee a nut free school but will work with students and families to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all.

### **South Shore Collaborative Re-entry after Hospitalization Policy**

To ensure the health and safety of every student re-entering a South Shore Educational Collaborative program following a psychiatrically or medically related hospitalization, the South Shore Educational Collaborative has adopted the following policy:

Any student requiring a psychiatric evaluation, an emergency room visit, or inpatient hospitalization for psychiatric or medical conditions will require a discharge summary and attend a re-entry meeting. This summary is required to ensure that the program has current information in writing, from the attending physician regarding changes in medication, behavior plans and student specific treatment plans.

Your cooperation with these policies is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact the school nurse with any questions or concerns you may have.

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