

TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 8.42

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL NURSING SERVICES

PURPOSE:

This policy is designed to protect and promote student health, and facilitate optimal development of each student. The policy supports the Fairhaven School nurses' ability to provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and collaborate with families, school districts, and health professionals to design systems that assists students to develop their full potential.

POLICY:

- A. For all students new to the Fairhaven School including new preschoolers, the school must have on file a current (within one year) physical signed by the doctor and a current immunization record or immunization waiver form prior to the student attending. Thereafter, all preschoolers are required by the state to have a yearly physical within thirty days of expiration.
- B. Any student attending with a medical diagnosis that requires the administration of medication during the school day, must have a current order from the doctor on file in the nurse's office. The medication must be brought in before the start of school by the parent. The medication must not be expired and have a pharmacy label from the prescribing doctor that exactly matches the doctor's order regarding dosage and administration.
- C. The term "medication" is defined as all prescription medications and over the counter drugs. All over the counter drugs must have a doctor's order that clearly states the dosage and when and how often it is to be given. All over the counter medications are to be brought in unopened, in their original box with the students name on it.
- D. All medications including formula and other supplies will be kept in a locked cabinet in the nursing clinic for the school year.
- E. Any student that requires the use of a respiratory rescue inhaler at home must have one provided for use at school. It should be in its original box with a prescription label that clearly matches the doctor's order on how and when it is to be used. Parents will need to bring in the inhaler, spacer and mask, if needed, before the start of school.
- F. Any child that requires the use of an emergency rescue drug for seizures or severe allergies at home, must have one provided for use at school. It should have a prescription label with the child's name and should clearly match the doctor's order on dosage and how and when it is to be given.

- G. Any student attending with any dietary restrictions, must have a doctor's order that clearly spells out the consistency of foods, with any restrictions of textures and food allergies. If any supplemental calorie drinks are to be consumed during the school day orally, there must be a doctor's order for the correct type of formula and amount to be given.
- H. Any student that has a swallowing issue or has been diagnosed with a swallowing disorder that requires the use of a thickener, must have a doctor's order that gives clear direction on how the thickener is to be mixed and the consistency of food or drinks that are to be given. Thickener must be supplied by the parent. The parent should also provide the school/ speech therapy with a copy of the students most recent swallow study.
- I. Any student that requires feeding of formula through a gastrostomy tube must have a doctor's order that states the amount and type of formula to be given. It should also include the rate and times of feeding and if it is to be given by pump or gravity and the amount of flush ordered. Formula and extra supplies will be kept in the clinic at the Fairhaven School and if tube fed, at least one full day's supply of formula and an extra bag/extender will be kept in the nursing clinic in case of emergency.
- J. All Doctor's orders must be reviewed for accuracy and signed by the parent / guardian.**
- K. Any nurse assigned to work with a single student attending the Fairhaven School directly throughout the school day will supply the Fairhaven nurses a copy of the doctor's order signed by the doctor or medical personnel with prescriptive authority and signed by the parent/ guardian. The assigned nurse, or the family, must have the prescribed medications delivered to the school prior to the student starting school.
- L. If the assigned nurse is to travel with the student on the bus, a separate bag must be supplied by the parents to keep medical supplies, medications and doctors' orders that will be needed by the nurse for that student. It is to be checked by the nurse before the bus leaves the home and returned to the home with the child in the evening.



Board President



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References: