

## Your Child's Rights to Educational Accommodations :

Federal laws, including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, require public elementary and secondary schools to provide a free and appropriate public education to qualified students with disabilities.

The Washoe County School District promotes and facilitates educational opportunities for students who, as a result of health conditions, require reasonable accommodations while attending a WCSD school or during WCSD-sponsored activities. For more information regarding educational accommodations or support for your child, contact the Student Health Services Department or the school counselor at your child's school.

***If you have questions about your child's condition post-discharge, contact your child's primary care physician.***

Primary Care Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## From Discharge to Desktop: Ensuring Your Child is Healthy and Learning-Ready



*The Washoe County School District and Renown Children's Hospital want to partner with you to ensure that your child is provided with outstanding nursing care and support when it's time to return to school following a hospitalization. Here are some basic facts that will help make your child's school experience positive and successful.*



# Discharge and Follow-up Care:

## Questions to Ask and Notes to Share

Student/Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there specific equipment needed for my child's care and are there special instructions?

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If I have concerns or questions after discharge, who should I call?

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Is there special information, unique to my child, that I should share with the school nurse or teachers that will be helpful to their care after discharge?

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Additional Questions/Notes:

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I authorize the above information to be released to Washoe County School District.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print: \_\_\_\_\_

# Back to School:

## Nursing Services in Washoe County Schools

**What support and services are available for my child in the school setting?**

The district's *Student Health Services Department* is committed to assisting students with health diagnoses or disabilities to participate in an inclusive learning environment that optimizes their well-being and learning potential. Our goal is to provide the specialized nursing services that will enable your child to attend school with their non-disabled peers to the maximum extent possible. We want to partner with you to foster your child's independence and to allow him or her to enjoy the same educational benefits as other children.

**Who provides care and nursing services at school?**

The Student Health Services Department employs an outstanding team of highly qualified school nurses, who are registered nurses with specialized certification in school health, and who have expertise in providing complex nursing case management in the school setting.

There is a school nurse assigned to every school in the Washoe County School District. Each day our 37 school nurses provide or supervise the care of students who need tracheostomy suctioning, medication administration, diabetes care, ventilator monitoring, gastrostomy tube feeding, catheterization, and other nursing support. School nurses coordinate health care and collaborate with the parent, counselor, teacher, school psychologist, and school administrator regarding each child's individual health needs. The school nurse assigned to

the school will be your child's nursing case manager. He or she will contact you prior to your child's first day and as needed throughout the school year regarding any questions or concerns you have.

**Who should you notify when it's time for your child to return to school?**

Once your child's physician or authorized medical provider tells you it's almost time for your child to attend school, contact the Student Health Services department at 775-353-5966 and ask to speak with a *nursing administrator*. The administrator can review our department's policies and other needed information, put you in touch with the school nurse where your child will be attending, and explain the paperwork that needs to be completed to ensure a smooth transition for your child into the school setting.

**What forms or paperwork must be completed before your child's first day in school?**

For safety reasons, your child's physician or authorized medical provider must submit a written statement to the school nurse or to the Student Health Services Department, clearing your child to attend school and noting any restrictions on activity or during transportation to and from school. In addition, any nursing care your child needs must be noted by the physician or authorized medical provider on a standard consent form, co-signed by the parent or legal guardian. We would be happy to fax the appropriate forms to you or your child's physician or medical provider.