

Medication and Student Health

Accident Insurance for Students

The Torrance Unified School District does not carry medical or dental insurance for children hurt on the school grounds. Unfortunately, children do get hurt, sometimes seriously. If your company insurance does not cover accidents, it might be very worthwhile investing the few dollars for this coverage. Low cost accident insurance for children is available through a District - sponsored group plan. We urge that every child be protected in this manner. The information and application are in the school's first day "Student Information Packet".

Casts, Braces, Crutches, & Splints

Children wearing casts, braces, crutches and/or splints may only be re-admitted to school with:

- Note from physician indicating extent of injury and restrictions of physical activities.
- Written release by parent/guardian.
- Approval of the principal.

Students who have limited mobility due to foot cast or brace, will be kept in the office or health office for recess and lunch recess times during the period that the cast/ brace in on the foot/leg. This is done for the safety of the student and to prevent accidents. Students with arm casts/braces may have regular recess times.

Medication at School

According to the California State Education Code 49423, defined procedures at school must be followed with regard to taking medication, including over-the-counter medicines such as cough drops and aspirin at school.

The purpose of allowing medication to be taken by students at school is to help provide for their general welfare by following the instructions of their physicians. Medications shall be brought to school by parents/guardians. It shall be the school's responsibility to provide reasonable and prudent supervision while the student takes the medication. It shall be the student's

(parent/guardian's) responsibility to take the prescribed medication in accordance with his/her physician. A parent/guardian can bring a prescribed medication to the school office and give it to their child directly.

During the regular school day, any student who is required to take medication prescribed by a physician must have an "Authorization for Medication at School" form completed by the child's physician stating the method, amount, and time by which medication is to be taken. (A medical form can be obtained from the school office or online at www.seaside.tusd.org)

No medication is to be kept in the classroom, unless specific forms are completed by the student's physician.

Please be certain that your child/children's Emergency Contact Information on Parent Connect has at least one adult living in the area who would be willing to assume responsibility for your sick or injured child/children during school hours. We recommend that you check with local hospitals regarding pre-arranged programs at their locations to care for ill children.

The District Wellness Policy can be found on the District website at www.tusd.org. The Seaside Wellness Policy can be found on this website.