



SNOWY RANGE ACADEMY

Hello! I would like to welcome back all of you who have children returning to SRA for another year, and extend a warm welcome to those of you who are new to SRA. As we get ready for the new school year, I wanted to be sure to inform you of a few issues related to the School Nurse's Office:

ANNUAL EMERGENCY AND HEALTH INFORMATION FORM

This is the most important form in the Nurse's Office! Please be sure to take some time to fill out or update this information on InfoSnap completely and accurately so that I -- and the rest of the school's staff -- can take the very best care possible of your children while they are at SRA. It is very important that we know about all medical conditions, medications, and any other information that may affect your children and their learning here at school. It is also crucial that we have the most up-to-date contact information so that we can get a hold of you in case of an emergency, illness, or when your children simply need you.

Please remember to update us if your contact information changes, or if your child receives a new medical diagnosis, starts taking a new medication, or has any other significant change in health status during the school year.

MEDICATION POLICY AND FORMS

1. Albany County School District #1 policy dictates that:
 - **parents must provide all medications for their children.** No stock medications for general student use are kept at the school.
 - **a medication form MUST be completed and signed by a parent (and the student's doctor if the medication is prescribed) for every medication a student needs to take at school. This includes both prescribed and over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Motrin, cough drops, and the like.**
 - **every medication (including over-the-counter medications) MUST be in its original container.** This means that even cough drops must be in the original bag with ingredient, dosage and expiration information.
 - **students are NOT allowed to carry medications with them while at school.** All medications must be stored in a locked cabinet in the nurse's office. An exception to this rule is made for inhalers and insulin, which students may carry with them if the student, his or her parent(s) and doctor decide this is appropriate. If this is the case, the proper paperwork must be completed and signed by the parent as well as the student's doctor.
2. A copy of the prescribed medication form, as well as the over-the-counter medication forms are available on the school website for your information and for your use in the event your child must receive a medication during school hours. Additional copies of these forms are available in the school's front office or the nurse's office. If you would like your child to be allowed to carry an inhaler with him/her at school, please contact me.

SCREENING NOTIFICATION

Included in the InfoSnap registration you will also find a notification of screening form, which is intended to inform you of various screenings that are conducted during the school year. You may indicate if you do **not** want your child to participate in the screenings. If nothing is checked, your child *will be screened*.

Thank you so much for your cooperation. Please don't hesitate to call me or come by my office if you have any questions about any of the above information.

Sincerely,

Peggy Ferguson RN

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SRA School Nurse