THOMAS MACLAREN SCHOOL

HEALTH CARE PLAN
LETTER OF EXPLANATION

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am the School Nurse working with Thomas MacLaren School. Part of my job is to make sure that your school is up to date with state guidelines. These guidelines, set by the Colorado Department of Education, ensure that your child is as safe as possible at school.

A priority is to update our records if your child has **Asthma, Allergies, Celiac Disease, Diabetes, Migraines, Seizures or a General Health Care issue**. All forms (called Health Care Plans) must be filled out completely by either you or your health care professional **and** need signatures from the Health Care Provider with prescriptive authority and the Parent/Guardian.

All of these forms can be found on the school website: www.maclarenschool.org. From the home page click on the **Parent** tab, then scroll down the menu and click on the **Health Information** link. This will take you to the Health Page which contains links to all the necessary forms and packets.

If your child will need to carry a Rescue Inhaler, Epi-Pen®, or Diabetes supplies, then the Contract to Carry form must be completed and returned to the front desk immediately.

According to Colorado State law, we are no longer able to administer your child's emergency medication without a signed Health Care Plan and Health Care Provider's Authorization for the Administration of Medication by School Personnel. These forms can be found on our website.

Thank you for working with us to make sure that your child is as safe as possible while at school. If you have any questions, please contact me or Karen Triplett (ktriplett@maclarenschool.org).

Sincerely,

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SEIZURE ACTION PLAN

Effective Date_____

THIS STUDENT IS BEING TREATED FOR A SEIZURE DISORDER. THE INFORMATION BELOW SHOULD ASSIST YOU IF A SEIZURE OCCURS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

Student's Name:_____ Date of Birth:_____
Parent/Guardian:_____ Phone: _____Cell:_____
Treating Physician:_____ Phone: _____
Significant medical history:_____

SEIZURE INFORMATION:

Seizure Type	*Length*	*Frequency*	*Description*

Seizure triggers or warning signs:_____

Student's reaction to seizure:_____

BASIC FIRST AID: CARE & COMFORT:

(Please describe basic first aid procedures)

Does student need to leave the classroom after a seizure? YES NO
If YES, describe process for returning student to classroom

Basic Seizure First Aid:
- ✓ Stay calm & track time
- ✓ Keep child safe
- ✓ Do not restrain
- ✓ Do not put anything in mouth
- ✓ Stay with child until fully conscious
- ✓ Record seizure in log

For tonic-clonic (grand mal) seizure:
- ✓ Protect head
- ✓ Keep airway open/watch breathing
- ✓ Turn child on side

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

A "seizure emergency" for this student is defined as:

A Seizure is generally considered an Emergency when:
- ✓ A convulsive (tonic-clonic) seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes
- ✓ Student has repeated seizures without regaining consciousness
- ✓ Student has a first time seizure
- ✓ Student is injured or has diabetes
- ✓ Student has breathing difficulties
- ✓ Student has a seizure in water

Seizure Emergency Protocol: *(Check all that apply and clarify below)*
- ☐ Contact school nurse at _____
- ☐ Call 911 for transport to _____
- ☐ Notify parent or emergency contact
- ☐ Notify doctor
- ☐ Administer emergency medications as indicated below
- ☐ Other_____

TREATMENT PROTOCOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS: (include daily and emergency medications)

Daily Medication	Dosage & Time of Day Given	Common Side Effects & Special Instructions

Emergency/Rescue Medication

Does student have a **Vagus Nerve Stimulator (VNS)**? YES NO
If YES, Describe magnet use_____

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS: *(regarding school activities, sports, trips, etc.)*

Physician Signature:_____ **Date:**_____
Parent Signature:_____ **Date:**_____
Nurse Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

Thomas MacLaren School

Health Care Provider's Authorization for the Administration of Medication by School Personnel

Dear Parent:

If your child must have medication of any type, including over-the-counter medicine and all homeopathics, given during school hours, you may:

1. Come to the school and administer it to your child at the appropriate time; or
2. Discuss with your health care provider an alternative schedule to administer medications outside of school hours; or
3. Complete, in its entirety, the attached form signed by your health care provider AND
4. Provide the medication in the original labeled pharmacy container which includes the child's name, name of medicine, dosage amount, and instructions for administration. For over-the-counter medication, please provide the medicine in a new, unopened bottle with all labels.

Remember, staff at Thomas MacLaren School may only administer medications at school with the properly completed documentation and the medication in the original, properly labeled container.

Thank you,

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Students required to take medication(s) prescribed by a physician during regular school days may be assisted by the school nurse or other designated school personnel. Medications may be administered only if the school receives specific written instructions from the physician and parent/guardian of the student.

Authorization to Assist in Administration of Medication

Student: _____ Birthdate:_____ Grade: _____

Purpose of medication: _____ Possible Side Effects: _____

Medication: _____ Dosage: _____ Route: _____

Time of day to be given at school: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Asthma Inhaler / Epi-Pen (must also have self-carry contract): This student **MAY**/ **MAY NOT** carry their own Inhaler / Epi-Pen..

Physician Office Number & Fax Number:_____ Physician Signature/Stamp: _____

Parent Request that School Administer Medication

I request that medication be administered to my child by the designated member of the school staff in accordance with the instructions on the Health Care Providers's authorization. Please give my child their medication according to the above authorization,. Any special instructions are noted here: _____

It is understood that the medication is administered solely at the request of, and as an accommodation to, the undersigned parent/guardian. In consideration of the acceptance of the request to perform this service by the school nurse or other designee employed by Thomas MacLaren School, the undersigned parent/guardian hereby agrees to release Thomas MacLaren School and its personnel from any legal claim which they now have or may hereafter have arising out of side effects or other medical consequenc-es of the medication.

I will notify the school **immediately** if the medication is to be changed or terminated, or if we change health care providers.

I hereby give my permission for: (name of student).. _____
to take the above named prescription at school as ordered.

Date:: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____