

PARENT/GUARDIAN CLASSROOM WEATHER AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

1302.41 Collaboration and communication with parents.

(a) For all activities described in this part, programs must collaborate with parents as partners in the health and well-being of their children in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner and communicate with parents about their child's health needs and development concerns in a timely and effective manner.

(b) At a minimum, a program must:

(1) Obtain advance authorization from the parent or other person with legal authority for all health and developmental procedures administered through the program or by contract or agreement, and, maintain written documentation if they refuse to give authorization for health services; and,

(2) Share with parents the policies for health emergencies that require rapid response on the part of staff or immediate medical attention.

Weather/Emergency Closures

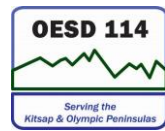
When weather or emergency conditions indicate, we ask parents to listen to the radio and/or watch TV for closure information. Schedule changes are usually announced alphabetically by school district, i.e.: Bremerton, Central Kitsap, North Kitsap, and South Kitsap. School district websites are another source of information.

- If the school district in which your classroom is located is closed, then the classroom will be closed.
- If the school district has a late start, then Head Start/ECEAP morning classes are canceled and afternoon classes open at their usual time.
- In some cases, canceled classes may need to be made-up.
- We ask parents to avoid driving in hazardous conditions - putting themselves and their children at risk.

Disaster Emergency Procedures

Classrooms located in school district buildings participate in that school's disaster/emergency plan. Classrooms in other buildings develop their own plans. Expect to hear the specifics of your classroom's disaster plan at the classroom orientation.

- Be prepared to learn that, after an emergency/disaster, you may need to go to a central location at the school to pick up your child rather than coming directly to the classroom.
- On your child's emergency card, we'll ask you to list a pick-up person who does not have to cross a bridge to get to the classroom.
- We encourage you to keep your child's emergency information current so there is less possibility we would have to release your child to someone not on your list should an emergency or disaster occur.



We will want to have a 3-day supply of any medication your child might need during an emergency/disaster in our disaster kit. This requires written authorization from both you and your child's doctor.

Disaster Preparedness in the Classroom

- We practice fire drills monthly and earthquake drills quarterly.
- Teachers are prepared to stay with children up to 72 hours in an emergency.
- We have a disaster kit and food for 72 hours.