

Student Health Requirements and Medical Information USD 265

Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy school environment for your child! Help us to provide medical care and make sound nursing decisions by following our school rules and supplying us with your child's current health and medical information. Please do not hesitate to call your School Nurse with any concerns or questions. **Some of the items we require are:**

A signed or stamped copy of Immunizations records directly from your physician, Health Dept., shot record book, KCI (Kansas Certificate of Immunization), or a computer generated document printed off or faxed from your healthcare provider's office. **Either the physician or his representative must have signed and dated these**, parents are not allowed to sign off on immunizations. Your child's shots must be up to date for their age/grade per the Kansas Immunization Statutes. These can change yearly, so if you have any questions regarding State requirements for school, please contact your physician, Health Clinic, or School Nurse.

For Pre-School, Kindergarten, or Special Education services students, **a physical with a vision and hearing check is required**. Please have this physical done prior to the beginning of the school year (preferably over the summer). Your physician must complete, sign, and date the form. A Child Assessment/Physical Form is included in the pre-enrollment packet, or from your school nurse.

An **Annual Health Information Update** form, (paper example found in pre-enrollment pre-school and kindergarten packets, and also online with final enrollment paperwork), is **TO BE COMPLETED YEARLY FOR ALL STUDENTS!** This form gives us the info on any **health conditions and restrictions** your child may have and what treatment is required. Please be specific! If your child has a food or other allergy, please note this and their consequences to exposure. Regarding severe food allergies, if your child requires food or snack monitoring, or requires an omission of certain foods (such as a peanut or dairy allergy), we have a required form **that must be filled out and signed by your physician at the beginning of each school year!** If the allergy is life-threatening, doctor's orders on how to treat, and the drugs to be administered, along with the prescribed emergency medications, must be kept in the nurse's office. **Please speak to your school nurse before school starts about any serious health care need!**

It is very important for us to have current phone numbers and be able to reach you at all times during the day. For unexpected illness or injury, if we cannot reach you, or have you return our call within 30 minutes, we may have no choice but to alert Police, Emergency Services for an ambulance, or notify Child Social Services. **It is absolutely essential that we be able to reach you immediately for a child that has a known serious health issue, allergy, or medical condition. YOU MUST notify us of all phone number or contact changes...for your work, home, and cell phones!**

Children that become, or complain of being ill at school, will be assessed by the school nurse with consideration of Kansas Statute 65-122. Our goal is to keep children in the classroom. However, if a child has made several complaints, does not appear well, or has a temperature of 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit or above with any symptoms of nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, headache, sore throat, or rash, they will be sent home. A child will be sent home with a temperature of 100 degrees or above whether they have additional symptoms, or not. **ANY CHILD SENT HOME with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea must be kept home for a minimum of an additional 24 hours AFTER the last fever, or episode of vomiting or diarrhea. They must remain symptom free without the use of fever reducers (Tylenol, Ibuprofen), or anti-nausea/diarrheal medications!** It often takes at least this amount of time for the body to rid itself of viruses, and it is our goal to keep the exposure to healthy children and staff at a minimum. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND SICK CHILDREN TO SCHOOL! For Pre-K & Kindergarten students that don't appear to feel well and have difficulty verbalizing their complaints, a parent will be called.**

HEAD LICE: Students with head lice will be sent home and will not be allowed to ride the bus or return to the classroom until checked and cleared by the school nurse.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL: Please instruct your child to bring any medications immediately to their School Nurse. We do not want meds left in backpacks or desks of young children (older students may carry *some* meds with the proper documentation and preapproval arranged by the school nurse and a parent). **PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN AT SCHOOL IF A WRITTEN ORDER IS PROVIDED AND SIGNED BY BOTH THE PHYSICIAN AND THE PARENT** (Goddard form GD-67 is available online at the school website for just this purpose). Both med and paperwork must be sent to school with the medicine in the original prescription container showing the current expiration and dispensing dates. For **OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINES**, a dated and signed note or GD-67 from the parent/guardian, which includes how many days the medicine is to be given, must come to school with the med. For chronic conditions (such as frequent headaches) where OTC meds are needed throughout the school year, you may write that the med is to be available to the child "all school year". **ALL MEDS MUST BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTAINERS AND NOT BE EXPIRED.**