

Nursing and Health Services

Please feel free to call or e-mail your child's school nurse with any questions or concerns. Your child's health and success are very important to us.

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Important information for parents and guardians:

Required Immunizations:

Indiana State law requires all students to have a current immunization statement on file with the school. According to the Indiana State Department of Health, all incoming **Kindergarten and/or 1st graders** are required to receive 3 Hepatitis B immunizations, 5 DTaP immunizations, 4 Polio immunizations, 2 MMR immunizations, 2 Varicella immunizations, and 2 Hepatitis A immunizations prior to starting school. All **6th graders** are required to receive the Tdap and Meningococcal immunizations prior to the beginning of 6th grade, and the second dose of Varicella if not already completed. All incoming **seniors** are required to receive the second dose of the Meningococcal immunization prior to the beginning of their senior year.

Parents should call their family's physician or the local health department at 765-658-2782 to make appointments before school starts in August.

Please refer to the Indiana State Department of Health School Immunization Requirements at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/17094.htm>.

The following are links to information about Meningitis and HPV (Human Papillomavirus).

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/mening/default.htm>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/hpv/default.htm>

Medications:

We strongly recommend medications be given at home when at all possible. Students are not permitted to carry prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) medication while on the school bus or at school. Exceptions will be made if parents provide the school with a signed statement from physician indicating the student may carry an inhaler, epi-pen, or insulin at school. It is strongly recommended that parents or guardians bring in and pick up all prescription and OTC medications to be given at school. Narcotics and/or ADD/ADHD medications must be brought in and picked up by parent.

No medications will be given if sent in unlabeled containers. OTC medications must be in original bottle with the child's name written on it and accompanied by instructions from parent giving school permission to administer the medication during school hours.

Prescription medications must be in the original bottle with the name of the child as well as the type and dosage of the medication clearly visible. In addition, prescription medications must be accompanied by a written note from physician stating why medication should be given during school hours. The medication label must match the physician's order, and the time of day medications are to be administered must also be on the label. Medications not picked up at the end of the school year will be disposed of.

With the advent of on-line registration, it is important that the parent or guardian fill out on-line registration forms and not the student where medications are concerned.

Health Conditions:

If your child has any diagnosed health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, seizures, or allergies requiring an epi-pen, it is very important to call or come in and meet with your school nurse at the beginning of the school year, or anytime your child has a change in condition.

Mandatory Hearing and Vision Testing:

Hearing tests will be given yearly to students in grades 7 and 10 and/or by the request of a student or teacher. Vision tests will be given yearly to students in grades K, 3, 5, and 8 and/or by the request of a student or teacher. Parents who do not want their child tested, please send in a written note stating that request.

Student sent home:

Students sent home with fevers or confirmed vomiting should not return to school until he or she is fever free and vomit free for 24 hours without the use of OTC medications.