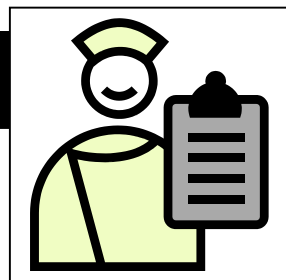


Notes from the School District Nurse



Physical Examinations

Students entering kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades must have a current physical exam, as well as up-to-date immunizations. The examination must be documented on the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) form and completed in its entirety. Ninth grade physicals may also be used for freshmen who plan to participate in sports. Parents may make a copy of the 9th grade physical and present it to the athletic department. Please note: The IHSA sports physical will not take the place of the 9th grade examination.

IHSA Sports Physicals

Middle and High School students who plan to participate in sports will need to see a doctor and present the school with a completed IHSA sports physical form prior to beginning practice.

Dental Examinations

Students in grades Kindergarten, 2 & 6 must have a current dental examination. The examination must be documented on the new dental form and completed in its entirety. Please keep in mind that your child's dental health is very important and we encourage all students to see a dentist on a regular basis.

Vision Examination

A new State law requires eye examinations for children enrolling for the first time in Illinois schools. Thus, all Kindergarten students will be required to have an eye examination. Check with your local eye clinic to see if they have special rates for eye examinations.

Vision & Hearing Screenings

During the school year, the district nurse may conduct vision and hearing screenings for students. Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months. If the student currently wears glasses, they will not be screened.

Administering Medicine at School

When a student requires daily or regular medication, the responsibility to complete the proper form(s) rests solely upon the parents/guardians. There are three forms available from the school office or nurse's office and parents should obtain and complete the appropriate form, if the need arises:

School Medication Authorization Form

This form should be completed by the parent/guardian and doctor for all prescription medicine which needs to be taken during the school day. This medication must be in the original pharmacy container clearly marked with the student's name and all prescription information.

Asthma Medication Form

Students with asthma may self-administer their asthma medication, but an asthma medication authorization form must be on file in the school office.

Parents are always welcome to request a copy of the district policy concerning the administration of medication to students. This request should be directed to the Administration Office at 630/552-8978.

Other Important Information

Students transferring from another school, in state or out of state, may have to meet other health requirements. The nurse will review this information with new students.

All of the physical, dental, vision and medication forms mentioned in this article are available on the website, in the school office, the nurse's office or the Administration Office.

Please remember to make a copy of your child's completed physical, dental and/or vision forms before you turn them in to the school.

If you have any questions about these forms or any medical issues, please leave a message for School District Nurse Sue Gerardot at one of the schools. ❖