

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Please allow us to introduce ourselves as the health services personnel that will be assisting your child should they have a medical condition that requires attention. Mrs. Scheibley is the district nurse, and Mrs. Keiter is the nurse in the elementary school building. We will be working closely with you to ensure that your school children remain healthy and ready to be educated.

It is vital that you make us aware of any health concerns or conditions of your child as well as any daily medications he/she is taking. Undiagnosed or untreated health concerns can have a negative effect on your child's educational experience. If we work together, we can strive to ensure that your child has a pleasant and successful school experience. As part of our health program, your child is entitled to receive the following free health services which are mandated by the state:

Annual growth assessments, including BMI (all grade levels K-12)
Annual vision screenings (all grade levels K-12)
Annual hearing screenings (grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7, 11 and all ungraded classes)
Physical exam by school doctor (grades K, 6, 11)
Dental exam by Williams Valley Dental Group (grades K, 3, 7)
Scoliosis screening (grades 6, 7)

You will be notified in writing should we detect an abnormality during any of the above screenings. If you would like to be present during the physical and/or dental exams, please contact us. You may choose to have your child examined by your own physician or dentist; in which case, you assume financial responsibility for the cost of the exam. If you choose this option, please contact the nurse so we can provide you with the appropriate form, and then return it as soon as possible.

Lastly, we want to address the **immunizations that your child must have ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. Pennsylvania State Law requires all school age children to receive the following immunizations:**

4 doses of DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) – one dose on or after fourth birthday
4 doses of Polio – 4th dose on or after 4th birthday & at least 6 months after previous dose given*
2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
2 doses of Varicella vaccine or proof of having had the chicken pox disease

****For students entering seventh grade, two additional vaccines are required on the 1st day of school:** one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (**MCV**), and one dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (**Tdap**)! **

****For students entering 12th grade, an additional dose of meningococcal (MCV) is required by the 1st day of school.** If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12th grade dose. **

Please contact either your child's doctor or one of the school nurses if you have any questions concerning your child's immunization status. **Documentation of the vaccinations given by the physician is necessary to update your child's records at school.**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to introduce ourselves and the above health issues. We look forward to working with you and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs. Scheibley or Mrs. Keiter if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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