

Dear Parent,

Just wanted you to be aware that we have a new regulations for school immunizations this year.

Arkansas state law requires students to meet minimum immunization requirements in order to attend public schools. Transfer students have 30 days to produce documentation of immunization. Requirements are as follows:

4 DTAP, the last dose given on or after the child's 4th birthday.

NEW! Starting September 1st! 1 dose of TDAP FOR anyone 11 years of age or older, if five years since last dose of tetanus.

4 Polio, the last dose given after the child's fourth birthday.

2 MMR (measles, mumps and rubella).

3 Hepatitis B (all students).

NEW! All 7th-12th grade will be required to have one MCV4(meningococcal)vaccine.

NEW! All high school students who are 16 years of age will need one dose of MCV4.

Students who have received one dose of MCV4 before age 16 years will be required to get a second dose after age 16 years.

NEW! 2 Varicella (chicken pox) all students Kindergarten -12th grade.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT DISEASE HISTORY (unless documented by a physician)

NEW! In addition to what has been required in the past, all kindergarten and 1st grade students will be required to have one Hepatitis A vaccine.

It is also a state mandate that each kindergarten student require a physical within 60 days of the start of school.

For children on medication:

Our school policy states that no medicine will be given without a written prescription and a signed release. Medicine from home must be in a properly labeled bottle with the following information-

Child's name, name of medicine, prescribed dosage, and the date the prescription was

filled. Long-term meds should be brought to school for 1 month at a time. Your

pharmacist can give you an extra bottle.

If your child's medicine is discontinued, it is your responsibility to inform the school nurse and pick up the medicine. Discontinued medicine will be discarded after 1 month if not picked up.

Most antibiotics are prescribed 2-3 times daily. These can be given at 7am and 4pm or bedtime. This will eliminate your child bringing meds to school.

Due to recommendations from the CDC pertaining to H1N1 influenza virus PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY ARE RUNNING A FEVER VOMITING OR EXHIBITING ANY FLU LIKE SYMTOMS, FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS AFTER FEVER REDUCER IS ADMINISTERED(such as Tylenol ect.). You will be called to pick up your child if running a fever at school.

Please check your child's head frequently! In order to make every effort to prevent the spread of head lice, your child may be checked periodically for head lice here at school. You will be called to pick up your child if a teacher or I observe lice or nits in a child's hair.

We also will be doing state mandated screenings on your child, such as hearing, vision and body mass index. (body mass index requires the child to remove shoes and two measurements will be obtained for height: one for weight). State mandated law says a written refusal must be given from a parent, to refuse these screenings. IF YOU DO NOT WANT THESE SCREENS DONE FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO YOUR TEACHER OR MYSELF BY AUGUST 26th 2014. If you would like a printout of your child's BMI, I would be happy to print that for you.

Finally, thank you for the privilege of working with you child. We hope your child has a positive experience at YS schools.

Sincerely, Laura Hobbs RN- School Nurse

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