

## HEALTH SERVICES

**Immunizations:** According to Indiana Code 20-8.1-7-10.1(c) (1) When a student enrolls for the first time in a school corporation, a statement of the student's immunizations, which shows that the student has received at least the minimum number of immunizations for the student's age, will be supplied to the school by a parent or guardian. All immunizations **MUST** be current **BY THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**. All students, regardless of when they have been enrolled, must meet the **minimum immunization requirements for school entry** as set by the Indiana State Department of Health. A current list of those vaccines is available in the nurse's office.

### Student Medication:

- All prescription and over-the-counter medication must be FDA approved and will be kept in the school office, unless a student has written physician permission to possess and self-administer the medication according to IC 20-8.1-5.1-7.5.
- Written instructions from the parent/guardian are required for all prescription and **OTC** (Over the Counter) medications brought in by the parents. **The instructions must include: name of medication, reason for medication, amount to administer, and time to be administered.** OTC medication amounts **must be age appropriate per product label, and may not be given more frequently than stated on label, except with physician prescription.** Forms are available in the nurse's office, and online at [scs.k12.in.us](http://scs.k12.in.us), click on the Health Services tab.
- Pharmacy and OTC medications must be in the original container affixed with a current pharmacy or package label.
- **Medication ordered three times a day or less should be given before and after school and at bedtime.** Prescription medication with a specific time ordered that is during school hours will be given as directed.
- All medications must be brought to the nurse's office **by a parent or guardian unless permission given by school nurse.** When the medicine is no longer needed by the student, or at the end of the school year, medication will be released to the parent, or a designee who is at least 18 years old with written permission from the parent. OTC or non-narcotic medication may be returned home by students in grades 9 - 12 with written permission from the parent. **Controlled substances (stimulants, prescription pain medications, anxiety medications, etc.) CANNOT be sent home with a student.**
- Any unused medication unclaimed by the parent will be destroyed by the nurse at the end of the school year.
- Please inform the school nurse if there are any medication changes.

**Injury:** The following supplies are being used as first aid measures within SCS: Eye irrigations, topical antiseptics, topical analgesics, band aids, hot water bottles, ice packs, Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Tums, Pepto Bismol. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the nurse if these products are not to be used. **Parents will be called when an injury appears to need medical attention beyond what can be given in the nurses' office.** Crutches or wheel chairs are not available to students, and must be brought in with a physician's note stating length of time student will be expected to use them.

**Illness:** Students with vomiting, diarrhea, undiagnosed skin rashes, eyes that have crusty or purulent drainage, or fever over 100 should not attend school. Students should not return to school until symptoms have resolved, or are fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Advil. Students being treated with antibiotic medications should receive the medication for 24 hours before returning to school. Students who are ill at school need to be evaluated by the nurse. Students will be sent home with temperatures of 100 or greater, persistent vomiting or diarrhea, eyes that are swollen, red or draining, or other symptoms of illness. **Students are not to use their cell phones to call parents to pick them up.** Please have your student go to the nurse to be evaluated. We will call you if there is a problem that cannot be taken care of here at school. **Do not come to the office to pick up your ill child unless someone from the school has asked you to do so.**

**Health Screenings:** **Head lice** checks are done individually on an as-needed basis if signs of possible head lice infestation are noted, such as excessive head scratching or bugs in the hair. If live louse is found, parents will be notified. **Vision** screening is done with all students in grades K, 1, 3, 5 and 8. **Hearing** screenings are completed with grades 1, 4, 7, and 10. Parents or guardians will be notified by a referral letter if a concern is identified during the screening process. Referrals are based upon Indiana State referral recommendations. Further medical evaluation should be obtained. Questions regarding these procedures should be directed to your child's school nurse. Please let nurse any new treatments (ie: prescription for glasses) when ordered.

**Breakfast:** It has been said that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Studies show that kids who eat breakfast are better able to concentrate, and therefore learn. If you are unable to get breakfast for your student at home, breakfast is available daily in the cafeteria. **Please make sure your child has something in their stomachs before classes start each day!**