



WEST SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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HEALTH SERVICES INFORMATION

Physical Exams: Physical examinations are required for students in grades Pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th and any student new to the West Seneca Central School District. School physicals will be scheduled with the district medical provider unless the student returns a physical exam form from their own physician.

Preventative Screening: During the school year students are screened by their school nurse for possible difficulties in the following areas:

- A. Vision: Distant and near vision will be required for students new to WSCSD, and grades Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 11th.
- B. Hearing: Hearing screening will be required for students new to WSCSD, and grades Pre-kindergarten or Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 11th
- C. Postural Defects (Scoliosis grades 5 and 7 for girls and 9th grade for boys)

Notification of Defects to the Parents: Parents are notified of health concerns found in all health appraisals. Notification should be returned as soon as possible stating the action taken. The Health Office Staff welcomes information relative to your child's health. We are willing to assist you in referrals for health care and health education.

Immunizations: In accordance with NYS Education Law, schools must have in their possession a complete list of your child's current shot records provided by your medical practitioner. Old school records will not be accepted.

- Students from within New York State have 14 days from the day they start school to give this record to your child's school nurse.
- Students from outside of New York State have 30 days to give this record to your child's school nurse.

It is the school district's duty to enforce the State Education Law. Please be advised that your child will be excluded from school in accordance to this law if you do not provide the nurse with the updated vaccine records. You will be notified by mail of the exclusion date if the school does not receive these shot records. Please contact your pediatrician if you have any questions regarding this.

Continuous Health Records: Please assist us in keeping your child's health record up-to-date by notifying the health office of any new physical condition, treatments, or immunizations for your child.

Notification: Parent's will be notified of serious injury or illness. Parents are responsible for the transportation of ill children to home. Emergency phone numbers and details will be obtained from the student's emergency information sheet. **PLEASE**

NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OF ANY CHANGES IN YOUR WORK, CELL OR HOME PHONE NUMBERS. If the parents are unable to be reached, the emergency contact sheet should reflect who is allowed to pick your child up if we are unable to reach you. Please make sure that these adults as listed HAVE ACCESS TO A CAR AND ARE AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

Attendance: Please encourage regular school attendance as each day adds a step in his/her total development. However, please keep your child home if he/she shows any suspicious symptoms such as: sore throat, rash, colds, persistent cough, fever (anything over 100 degrees), nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, "weepy lesions", inflamed eyes or symptoms of a contagious disease. Please call the school if your child is absent.

Medication Policy: If it is necessary for your child to take medication during school hours, New York State Law requires a written NOTE FROM THE PARENT, and a written NOTE FROM THE DOCTOR. The supply of medications must be brought to the Health Office BY AN ADULT IN THE PHARMACY CONTAINER. This law applies to all medications including INHALERS, PAIN MEDICATION, COUGH DROPS, AND ALL OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION.

Physical Education Program: Please inform the school if your child is unable to participate in a full physical education program (gym and swim). If a student receives a medical note excluding them from physical education, the doctor must then complete a Physical Education Medical Recommendation Form to adapt the school physical education program to fit that student's needs. **ALL STUDENTS REGISTERED IN New York STATE SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED BY NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION LAW AND THE COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS TO ATTEND COURSES OF INSTRUCTION IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION.** Doctor permission is required for re-entry into the physical education program after a serious illness, sutures, surgery, fractures, concussions or other injuries.

Care for Injuries: School authorities may provide emergency care for illness and injuries which occur WHILE THE STUDENT IS IN SCHOOL. Treatment is limited to FIRST AID ONLY. HOME injuries are the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

If you have any questions regarding the health or health care of your student, feel free to call your School Nurse.

Thank you.