



The Nursing Staff welcomes you to Bentonville Schools Health Services Department.

This is a *brief introduction*. Please refer to the complete handbook or contact your building nurse with specific questions.

Health History Form

- **This parent signed document gives the RN valuable insight to your child's healthcare needs. Please accurately and thoroughly complete this form and return it to the health office.**

Medications

- **Prescription Medication Requirements:**
 - Signed physician/provider orders must be on file for all Rx medications administered at school.
 - Medication must be in original Rx bottle or box with current date.
 - Parent is to deliver medication to school nurse, complete paperwork, and sign in medication.
 - Students are prohibited to transport medications. Violation could lead to school suspension.
 - Students needing to carry inhalers, epinephrine pens, or diabetic supplies, must have proper documentation completed by the school nurse, parent, and physician/provider.
- **Non-Prescription (over-the-counter) Medications:**
 - Bentonville School District's advising physician orders certain non-prescription medications such as Tylenol and Ibuprofen. Check with your school nurse for a detailed list. Stock medications are available per RN's assessment only if a parent completes and signs the BPS Health History form. Update this form annually.
 - Stock medications not listed, must have a written physician/provider order. Parent must deliver medication in an unopened box/bottle to the RN and sign medication forms.

Chronic Illnesses

- Please contact the school nurse if your child has a medical diagnosis of Asthma, ADD/ADHD, Cystic Fibrosis, Depression, Diabetes, Seizures, Life-Threatening Allergies, etc.
- A doctor signed Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) must be on file in the health office for students with chronic illnesses, medically/psychologically fragile students, or for students with a medical condition that may require medical care during the school day. Please update annually.

Acute Health Concerns:

- Parent will be notified by phone, email or health office pass if their student was seen in the health office.
- If a student develops a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above, or is vomiting and/or has diarrhea, they will be dismissed from school and may NOT return until they are symptom free for 24 hours, which is an entire day from the day of dismissal, without requiring medication to mask symptoms.
- After 1 day, provide a doctor's note for continued use of elevator or continued excuse from P.E. or recess.
- Students with live head lice are excluded from school. Before readmission, the RN with parent, will review proof of treatment and examine head, which must be lice free.

Immunizations

- Students shall be age appropriately immunized from poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, varicella and other diseases as designated by the Arkansas State Department of Health. *(Please note requirements differ from state to state.)*
- **Arkansas State Department of Health (1-800-574-4040)** issues exemptions. Please renew annually.
- A certificate of proof of immunizations shall be "signed" by a licensed physician, health department or the military service. **NOW** is the time to make an appointment, immunize and bring proof to school.
- Contact the school nurse or the **Benton County Health Department (479 986-1300)** for more information on the required immunizations. Noncompliance will result in school suspension as per Arkansas Law.

Health Screenings

- **Vision & Hearing:** Pre-kindergarten (PK), kindergarten (K), grades one (1), two (2), four (4), six (6), and eight (8), and all transfer students receive an eye/vision and hearing screen. Failures will require a medical exam completed by the appropriate medical provider. Fax proof of exam results to school nurse.
- **Scoliosis:** Girls in grades six (6) and eight (8); Boys in grade eight (8) will be screened.
- **BMI (Body Mass Index):** Students in grades k, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 will be screened.
- Document objection for scoliosis or BMI screening in the appropriate box on the Health History form.

Looking forward to a healthy 2021-22 school year!