

School Nurse and Medical Issues

Health Care / School Nurse

The school nurse is essential to the health of students at John J. Blair Elementary. Services provided include:

- First Aid
- Health Screenings
- Monitoring Medication Administration
- Developing Medical Plans for children with specific health concerns
- Providing health education to students and staff
- Assisting with problems that may interfere with attendance and learning



You may contact the nurse by calling the school office.

Medication

New Hanover County Board of Education policy states that prescription medication may be dispensed to students only after the following procedures are followed:

- A “Physician’s Authorization of Medication For a Student at School” form must be completed by the Physician, signed by the parent/guardian and filed in the school office. Forms may be obtained from the school office.
- All medication must be brought in by the parent/guardian (not the student) in a container dispensed by a pharmacy. Any unused medication must be picked up by the parent/guardian and cannot be sent home with the student.
- The pharmacy label must clearly name the student, medication, dosage instructions, doctor’s name, prescription date, and expiration date.

When the above requirements have been met, trained school personnel will administer medications. A complete record will be kept of all medications received and dispensed. Parents may, at any time, administer medication at school. Please see the office for procedures for providing over the counter medications and short term prescription medications.

Immunizations

North Carolina law requires that proof of immunization or proof of being “in process” of receiving required immunizations be provided to the school upon enrollment. Consult your physician or the County Health Department

Sickness

If an illness occurs and a student must go home, the school will contact the parents. The person picking up the student should come to the office to sign their child out. **If your home or business telephone number changes, please notify the school. It is extremely important that we are always able to reach a parent if an emergency should arise.**

Accidents

Parents will be notified of accidents needing medical or immediate attention. Parents must be sure that the school secretary and classroom teacher **always** have a current emergency phone number.

Lice

If the need arises, students may be checked for lice. If lice are found, the entire class may be checked, along with any siblings in other classrooms. The infected child is given a letter explaining treatment and parents are called to immediately pick up their child. Letters informing parents of a case of lice in their child’s room are sent home. Infected students may return only after treatment is given. In the parent’s presence, a staff member will check the child for readmission to school. Repeated cases will be referred to the Public Health Nurse. Students who miss five days of school and who have received a home visit or contact from the Public Health Nurse will be referred to the school social worker.