

What you need to know:

- Proof of the following immunizations are required by the PA Department of Health/School Health to be admitted to school:
 - Diphtheria and Tetanus
 - Polio
 - Rubella (German Measles), Measles, and Mumps
 - Hepatitis B
 - Varicella (chicken pox)
 - Children entering 7th-grade need, in addition to entry requirements:
 - Tdap
 - Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

Exam	Grade
Dental*	School entry, 3, 7*
Hearing	K, 1-3, 7, 11, UG
Growth/ BMI	All grades
Physicals*	School entry, grade 6 & 11
Scoliosis	Grades 6 & 7
Vision	All grades

**Parents are urged to have physical and dental examinations completed by their private health care provider and submitted to the school nurse by October 15th.*

**Sports physicals are not part of the mandated school health services but are governed by the Pennsylvania Athletic Association (PIAA) rules, which requires athletes to receive a medical evaluation before participation in a sport, including tryouts and practice sessions.*

All forms can be found on the WSD website.

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Who We Are About Us

The Wissahickon School District School Health professionals consist of PA Certified School Nurses, Staff Nurses, consulting physicians and dentists committed to improving the health and welfare of children. As part of the academic team, the school health team coordinates the resources of the family, school, and community to help children achieve optimum health and academic success.

(PA Certified School Nurses are licensed nurses in PA, have earned a BS in Nursing and attain an additional 24 college credits leading to certification. These college credits include child development, nutrition, educational psychology, communicable diseases, wellness promotion, community nursing, counseling, emergency care, and health assessment and management)

Contact Us

- Main: 215-619-8000
- High School: ext. 8051
 - Middle School: ext. 7050
 - Blue Bell Elementary: ext. 2050
 - Lower Gwynedd Elementary: ext. 3050
 - Shady Grove Elementary: ext. 4050
 - Stony Creek Elementary: ext. 5050



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SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

School Health Services

The School Health Services department wish to acquaint you with the school health services provided to students. Some of the functions of the PA Certified School Nurses and Staff Nurses include:

- Providing care and case management for children with chronic health problems.
- Administer medications and specialized medical treatments as prescribed by a licensed health provider.
- Conduct health screenings.
- Ensure compliance with state required immunizations
- Maintain confidential health records.
- Refer students and families for further care.
- Serve on support teams for at-risk students.
- Monitor Concussion Management Team protocols.
- Develop individual health and emergency care plans.
- Educate staff on student health issues.
- Plan for first aid services and training of personnel responsible for giving first aid.

Communicable Disease

It is imperative that the School Nurse be notified if your child contracts a communicable disease. Children are/may be excluded from school for the following diseases: *(Note: WSD follows direction from the MONTICO Health Department)*

- *Chickenpox*: excluded 5 days from the first appearance or when all vesicles are crusted over, whichever is sooner.
- *Conjunctivitis, Acute* (pink eye): excluded until prescribed treatment has been given for 24 hours
- *Impetigo*: excluded until judged non-infective by the child's health care provider or the school nurse
- *Measles*: excluded until 4 days from onset of rash
- *Mumps*: excluded 9 days from onset or swelling subsides
- *Pertussis* (whooping cough): excluded 3 weeks from onset or 5 days from the start of treatment
- *Ringworm*: excluded until judged non-infective by the child's health care provider or school nurse
- *Rubella* (German Measles): excluded 4 days from onset of rash
- *Scabies*: excluded until determined to be non-infective by the child's health care provider or school nurse
- *Streptococcal Pharyngitis* (strep throat): and Scarlet Fever: excluded until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

WSD also reserves the right to exclude children from school based on the following criteria:

- Illness that prevents the child from participating in activities / ~~20~~ ⁴
- Fever (~~100~~ ⁴ degrees F or higher)
 - A child needs to be fever free for 24 hours without administration of fever-reducing medications (ex. Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen)
- Diarrhea or vomiting during the previous 24 hours
- Rash with fever
- Head Lice – contact school nurse for criteria
- Other conditions deemed appropriate after assessment by the Certified School Nurse and Staff Nurse

Medication in School

All medication requests must be accompanied by written authorization on the WSD "Prescription Medication Dispensing Form" (*note: this form is renewed annually at the beginning of each school year*) from the prescribing physician/dentist and with parental/guardian signature. Medication/treatment equipment must be provided by the parent/guardian and delivered directly to the school nurse. Each request requires:

- Student name and grade
- Name of medication/treatment to be given
- Reason for medication/treatment
- The dosage of medication/treatment (amount may not exceed manufacturer's recommended dosage), total dosage within 24 hours
- Route of administration
- Exact time medication/treatment is to be given
- Possible side effects and treatment of possible side effects
- Signature of prescribing physician/dentist
- Signature of parent/guardian

Prescription Medications

Prescription medications, including inhalers and Epi-pens/Auvi-Qs, must be brought to school with the pharmaceutical label and original container that includes the child and prescribing healthcare provider names.

For a student to carry an inhaler or EpiPen, for self-administration, a form requesting such must be signed by the health care provider and parent/guardian stating the child has been instructed

If there is a change in medication dosage, a new form must be completed by the healthcare provider.

Over-the-Counter Medications (OTC)

OTC medications must be provided by the parent/guardian and accompanied by a written note with the information as outlined above. NO OTC medication will be administered without a written/signed note. No homeopathic or herbal product will be administered with a private healthcare provider note.

The WSD consulting physician allows for administration of certain medications. In the event of an unexpected allergic reaction in your child, liquid diphenhydramine and Epi-pen are available.

The school nurse reserves the right to withhold administration of an OTC medication within the first two hours and the last one hour of the school day.