



Bryan Adams High School
Health & Safety
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Bryan Adams Clinic

Bryan Adams Clinic serves all of Bryan Adams' staff, students and families. The clinic is located at the front of the school in room A105 and is open from 8:45am-4:45pm on school days. The clinic is a designated safe space for all students, including LGBTQIA+ and students dealing with mental illness. The clinic staff can administer medication, assess and treat injuries, provide care to special needs students, respond to medical emergencies, and provide education on health and wellness.

Meet the Clinic Staff



Loren McEntire

Registered Nurse

Nurse McEntire has been the nurse at Bryan Adams since 2023. She is a graduate of The University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. She has experience working in critical care and was a frontline worker in the pandemic. Nurse McEntire is a big advocate for Type 1 Diabetes and volunteered for many years as a JDRF Camp Counselor. Outside of work, Nurse McEntire enjoys pilates, yoga, and all kinds of outdoor activities.



Berenise Velazco

Medical Assistant / PCI Health Training Center

Ms. Velazco is the nurse assistant at Bryan Adams High School. Ms. Velazco has been at Bryan Adams since 2023. She came from W.A. Blair Elementary School in Dallas, where she was for 2 years before coming to Bryan Adams.

ABSENCES FOR MEDICAL REASONS

Bryan Adams Clinic works closely with the Attendance Office to ensure students' attendance, absence, and credits are excused and coded appropriately.

Medical Appointments

Students who have medical appointments should bring a note from the doctor and submit it to the attendance office.

Temporary Illness

Students who miss school due to temporary illness need to notify the attendance office by phone, email, or in person to receive excused absences for days missed. You may alert the school nurse, but it is not required to receive excused absences.

COVID-19

It is no longer required to report positive COVID cases to the school nurse or school district. Please seek the care of a doctor or visit the CDC website for further instructions on how to proceed with a positive COVID case.

The clinic staff are consistently monitoring students for signs and symptoms of COVID. Per CDC guidelines for positive COVID cases, students can return to school when they have been fever free without medication for 24 hours.

Exposure to Covid

It is no longer necessary to report exposures to COVID regardless of vaccination status. As of August 25, 2022, Dallas ISD no longer requires quarantine for students or staff who have been exposed to COVID. If your student has been exposed to COVID, monitor for symptoms (fever, cough, fatigue) daily. If your student develops symptoms, **KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME FROM SCHOOL** and get tested for COVID as soon as possible. If your student does not develop symptoms after exposure, the student should be tested for COVID on day 5 after exposure. Students and staff who have had an exposure to COVID are advised to wear a mask for up to 10 days after exposure.

For more information on COVID-19 policies in Dallas ISD and at Bryan Adams, visit www.dallasisd.org.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Students enrolling in the Dallas Independent School District for the first time must provide evidence of required immunizations. Official records from a physician or health clinic, which provide documentation of current immunizations, are required.

Information taken from Dallas Independent School District Safety Protocols that can be found at www.dallasisd.org.
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Exemptions from Immunizations

Exemptions from immunization requirements may be granted on a medical basis or for reasons of conscience. A medical exemption, signed by a physician, is required annually if not otherwise stated by the physician. Exemption for reasons of conscience must be submitted on an affidavit provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Exemption for reason of conscience is granted for two years. Exemptions are not recognized in times of epidemics. Students will need to be immunized or not attend school if an epidemic is declared by the Commissioner of Health.

Provisional Enrollment for Missing Immunizations

A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school.

****A school nurse will review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until required dose is administered.****

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Parents of students who have medical conditions should report these to the nurse via a Health History form which can be found on the website under *Clinic > Forms*. If students need to take medication on campus, parents need to complete an H72 Form, which is required by the district. This form can also be found on the website under *Clinic > Forms*, titled ENG - Medication H72.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

In the event of a medical emergency on campus, the clinic staff are trained to respond accordingly. Medical emergencies include, but are not limited to: seizure, diabetic complications, severe injury, asthma attack, and suspected substance intoxication.

If your student has a history of a medical condition in which they may require emergent medical care, complete the Health History Form on the website under *Clinic > Forms* and contact the school nurse to discuss an Emergency Care Plan for school.

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Prescription Medication on Campus

Students who require prescription medication at school need a parent or guardian to complete an H72 Form. This form requires physician orders, physician signature, and a parent signature. Medication is securely stored in the clinic and is available to students according to the physician's orders. The form is available in the clinic or on the school website under *Clinic > Forms*, titled ENG - Medication H72.

Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medication on Campus

The school nurse is allowed to give Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and aloe vera gel within specific parameters (fever, sports injury, cramps, dry/itchy skin) to students who have written and verbal consent from a parent or guardian. Please download the OTC consent form from the website and submit it to the clinic staff, or ensure the OTC section is filled out during online enrollment on SchoolMint. No other over the counter medications are administered in the clinic unless an H72 Form has been completed. This includes but is not limited to: Tums, Zyrtec, Benadryl, Aspirin, Hydrocortisone cream, etc. Parents are allowed to administer medications personally if they provide it to the student in the clinic themselves.

Tylenol and Ibuprofen are NOT given for headaches or migraines. If your child gets headaches and/or migraines frequently, please complete an H72 form with doctor's orders for medication as needed for headaches. This includes Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and any over-the-counter medications.

MENTAL HEALTH

The clinic is a designated safe space for students in crisis, including LGBTQIA+ students and students dealing with mental illness. Students who are experiencing anxiety, depression, panic, symptoms of ADHD, etc. are always welcome to decompress and process in the clinic until they are well enough to be taken to the counselors for further evaluation. Clinic staff is available to help students process through physical symptoms and will refer students to a school counselor if they need further assistance.

STATE MANDATED HEALTH SCREENINGS

The clinic staff are required to complete state mandated health screenings for students that are new to Dallas ISD and those requiring updated 504 or Special Education accommodations. It is required that high school students receive a vision screening, hearing screening, and a health appraisal. If a student fails the vision or hearing screening, they will be retested within 2-4 weeks. Students who fail the rescreening will be referred to a specialist.

Students requiring adaptive equipment, such as vision aids or hearing aids, will need to be screened by the nurse and referred to a specialist to receive equipment and accommodations through the district.

TEEN PREGNANCY AND PARENTING PROGRAM (TPPP)

Dallas ISD has a Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Program (TPPP) for students who are pregnant and/or parenting while they are enrolled in school. At Bryan Adams, we have a case manager, Mrs. Irma Jimenez, RN, who visits campus on Thursdays. She checks in with our TPPP students to ensure they are receiving the support, supplies, and care they need during pregnancy. Mrs. Jimenez has established relationships with our parenting students and checks up on them periodically to provide the support they need.

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