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Healthcare Services Annual Notice & Parent/Guardian Exemption Option

House Bill 8 (2025), O.R.C. §3313.473

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Bowling Green City School District is committed to the health and well-being of all students. As part of our commitment to student health, physical and mental healthcare services are provided. Some of these services are required to be provided by the School District, and others are options we make available to further enhance our services. This Notice is to inform you of the health care services offered within the Bowling Green School District, and whether your consent is required for the same.

Nursing Healthcare Services

Nurse Services include, but are not limited to, acute visits for concerns such as first aid, unanticipated minor injuries, illness, emergencies, headaches, loose tooth, stomachache, and acute injury. These are generally provided without parent/guardian consent in advance.

School-Based Health Clinic Services include, but are not limited to, medical services such as dental, optometry, medical doctor, and other services offered through a school-based health clinic in partnership with community providers. School-based health clinic services are not provided without parent/guardian consent in advance.

Individual Healthcare Services are procedural services deemed necessary by a student's physician and/or parent/guardian, including but not limited to medication administration, tube feedings, diabetic care, asthma management, seizure management, and allergy management. This is coordinated through physician orders provided by the parent/guardian in advance. Over-the-counter medication administration does not require physician orders, but does require parent/guardian consent in advance and signed waivers. No medication administration or Individual Healthcare Services are provided without parent/guardian consent in advance.

Students who have Section 504 Plans or Individualized Educational Plans ("IEPs") in effect that include physical healthcare services will be served in accordance with those plans as required by state and federal law. Parent/guardian rights related to these plans, including the right to revoke consent for such plans, are set forth in the parental/guardian rights notices provided when Section 504 Plans and IEPs are developed.

State-Required Hearing and Vision Screenings are offered to all students at no cost to families and are administered according to state guidelines. These screenings are required annually for preschool and kindergarten students, and every other year for grades 1-12. Parents/guardians may choose to opt out of these state-required screenings via calling their school nurse. Alternatively, parents/guardians may choose to obtain these screenings through their child's physician or other qualified health care provider.

Mr. Daniel Black

High School Principal

Mr. Eric Radabaugh

Middle School Principal

Mrs. Alyssa Karaffa

Conneaut Elementary Principal

Mr. Scott Best

Crim Elementary Principal

Mr. Michel Bechstein

Kenwood Elementary Principal

MISSION STATEMENT: BGCS is committed to high academic expectations and extracurricular opportunities in an inclusive, caring, safe, and healthy environment. We empower and support teachers to be responsive to each student through a challenging and engaging curriculum. We partner with families and community to ensure student success.

Mental Health Services

School Counselor Services include:

- **Academic Services:** These are not health services and include academic advising, course scheduling, coursework management, setting educational goals, and post-secondary planning. These services are provided to all students by school counselor(s). Parent/guardian consent is not required for these services.
- **Emotional Support** includes resilience, coping, growth mindset strategies, peer conflict management, emotional regulation, and grief support. These services are not provided unless parent/guardian consent is obtained in advance. Parents/guardians are notified of a substantial change in a student's use of these services as required under state law.

Individual Mental Healthcare Services include:

- Students who have Section 504 Plans or Individualized Educational Plans ("IEPs") in effect that include mental healthcare services. These students will be served in accordance with those plans as required by state and federal law. Parent/guardian rights related to these plans, including the right to revoke consent for such plans, are set forth in the parental/guardian rights notices provided when Section 504 Plans and IEPs are developed.
- **Mental Health Specialists:** The School District works with RFS Behavioral (TACKLE) to provide therapy and therapeutic behavior support, including direct care and triage services to students and families upon referral by staff. The specialists will issue notice to the parents/guardians in accordance with Board Policy if a continuing course of services is recommended, and parental/guardian consent will be obtained before a continuing course of services is implemented.

Behavioral Health Services

Individual Behavioral Health Services include students who have Section 504 Plans or Individualized Educational Plans ("IEPs") in effect that include behavioral health services. These students will be served in accordance with those plans as required by state and federal law. Parent/guardian rights related to these plans, including the right to revoke consent for such plans, are set forth in the parental/guardian rights notices provided when Section 504 Plans and IEPs are developed.

Parent/Guardian Consent Will Be Obtained For:

- School-Based Health Clinic Services
- Individual Healthcare Services
- Emotional Support (as part of School Counselor Services)
- Mental Health Specialist continuing course of services
- Social Worker Services
- Individual Behavioral Health Services

Any other healthcare services either have separate consent requirements (e.g., Section 504 Plans, IEPs), or have opt-out procedures outlined above. Parental/guardian consent to any services outlined in this Notice does not waive the parent's/guardian's right to access the student's educational or health records or to be notified about a change in the Student's services or monitoring as provided by law and Board Policy 5780.01.

Should you have any questions or concerns, including whether a service is opt-out or opt-in and the processes related to this, please contact Alexandra Willibey, Executive Director of Pupil Services, 419-354-0800 ext. 4030.