

Health and Clinic Information for Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten at Dublin City Schools! We are so excited for your family to join our school community and begin this important journey together. Kindergarten is a special milestone filled with growth, discovery, and new friendships. Our team is committed to creating a safe, caring, and engaging environment where every child can learn, grow, and thrive. We look forward to partnering with you for a wonderful and memorable year ahead!

The Dublin City School District employs eight school nurses who rotate between their assigned schools each week. There is also a full-time clinic aide in each building who, together with the nurse, monitors the health care of students in the district.

Immunizations - Immunization records must be provided to the school. After records are reviewed, you will be contacted if additional vaccinations are required. Students without documentation of all required immunizations by the 15th school day will be excluded from school until the appropriate vaccinations are obtained and documentation submitted to the school health clinic.

Emergency Medical Authorization – This authorization must be completed yearly. Please provide us with all available contact numbers and include individuals authorized to pick up your child if you are unavailable. This contact information should be updated throughout the school year if changes occur. In the event of an illness or emergency, we will release your child ONLY to those listed as an emergency contact. The medical information provided will be shared with appropriate staff in case of an emergency. Please contact your school nurse prior to or at the beginning of the school year if your child has a medical condition such as a life-threatening allergy, diabetes, seizures, or other serious concerns, to ensure your child's medical needs are met at school.

Medication Procedure – All medication forms can be found on our website at <https://www.dublinschools.net/resources/forms/medical-health-services-forms>, then click on *Medication*. These forms are also available in the school clinic.

- All prescription medication to be administered by school personnel requires a parent/guardian authorization AND an Ohio licensed prescriber's signature. New paperwork must be completed and on file each school year for each medication.
- All nonprescription/over-the-counter medication to be administered by school personnel requires a parent/guardian authorization.
- Parent/guardian must provide medication to the clinic and it must be transported to and from the clinic by an adult. All medication must be labeled with the student's name.
- All medication to be administered by school personnel must be in the original container as dispensed by a physician, pharmacist, or manufacturer and will be stored in a locked compartment in the school clinic.
- All medications must be picked up on or before the last day of school. Any medication left in the clinic will be discarded.

Exclusions – Students experiencing any symptoms associated with a communicable illness will be excluded from school in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and/or Franklin County Public Health (FCPH). State and local health guidelines may be subject to frequent changes as directed by health officials. Please note, regardless, students must be symptom free **without the assistance of medication for 24 hours** before returning to school. Please report any contagious illness to the clinic or office.

Vision and Hearing Screening – All Kindergarteners will have vision and hearing screenings completed before November 1st. You will be notified if your child does not pass these screenings, and a referral will be made for further evaluation by a specialist.

Have a great school year.