

**ESE Specialized Instruction
Coordinated Student Health Services**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is designed to inform you of the health services offered by Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Coordinated Student Health Services Department.

School Health Services

BCPS collaborates with the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) in Broward County to ensure the health and safety of your student. Currently, Coordinated Student Health Services provides District level registered nurses who are available to assist in the coordination of school health services and any health concerns you may have. The designated onsite healthcare personnel at your child's school may be contacted directly by calling your child's school clinic. You may also contact Coordinated Student Health Services at 754-321-1575 for any health service-related questions.

Student Health Services Consent Forms

The Health Services Consent section on the Student Emergency Contact Card (SECC) must be completed, signed, and dated each school year by the parent/guardian to ensure students can receive care for illness/injury in the school clinic (for example: school clinic visits for stomachache, headache, cold/flu symptoms, nosebleed, Band-Aid for cuts and scrapes, etc.) during the school day or during school-sponsored activities.

When Your Child is Sick

Keeping your child home when they are sick helps your child get well and protects classmates.

Please do not send your child to school if they are exhibiting any symptoms listed below:

- Bad cough
- Temperature greater than 100.4 F
- Severe sore throat
- Eye infection
- Diarrhea
- Persistent vomiting
- Rash
- Head lice

Your child must be symptom-free, without vomiting, diarrhea, or fever, for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication, before returning to school. BCPS has partnered with Hazel to provide telehealth services free of charge to all students enrolled in BCPS. Consent is required. Please visit www.browardschools.com/cshs for consent and additional information.

State Mandated Health Screenings

Florida Statute 381.0056 requires that non-invasive health screenings be conducted for all students in KG, 1st, 3rd, and 6th grades. If a student does not pass a health screening, a referral letter will be sent home indicating that follow-up is recommended. If you desire to opt your child out of a screening, it must be

in writing. Health screening information is confidential, and the results are filed in each student's cumulative folder. Below are the grade level screenings:

- Vision: Students in kindergarten grades, 1, 3, 6, and new to BCPS up to grade 5
- Hearing: Students in grades kindergarten, 1, 3, 6, and new to BCPS up to grade 5
- Body Mass Index (BMI): Students in grades 1, 3 and 6, and new to BCPS up to grade 5
- Scoliosis: Students in grade 6

Health Conditions

If your child has any of the following health conditions, including, but not limited to, anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, and seizures, please inform the school by completing both sides of the Student Emergency Contact Card and a [Health Condition Review](#) form. Depending on the reported health condition, you may be asked to submit documentation from a healthcare provider. Please visit [Coordinated Student Health Services/Chronic Health Conditions \(browardschools.com\)](#) for more information.

Medication Administration at School (Prescription/Over the Counter)

If medication or treatments are medically necessary during the school day, please submit a current [Medication/Treatment Authorization](#) form signed by both a healthcare provider and a parent/guardian to the school. To retrieve the form, visit www.browardschools.com/healthforms.

The Diabetes Medical Management Plan (DMMP) is required for students with diabetes and must be completed and signed by both the healthcare provider and parent/guardian. To access the form, visit www.browardschools.com/healthforms.

Authorization for Selected Over-the-Counter Medication/Products (OTC) with Parental Approval

Authorization for selected over-the-counter medication for students in grades 9-12 to self-carry can be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. For more information, please visit www.browardschools.com/healthforms.

Immunizations

In accordance with Florida Statute 1003.22, all students entering or attending a Florida public or private school—grades Kindergarten through 12—must provide proof of immunization documented on a Florida Department of Health (FDOH) Form DH 680 or DH 681. To ensure your child is ready for school, you may verify that they have the required immunizations by visiting your child's healthcare provider or by contacting the FDOH in Broward at (954) 467-4700. Religious exemptions, if desired, must be issued by the FDOH. For more information, including how to obtain these vaccinations at no cost, please visit <https://www.browardschools.com/immunizations>.

Community Resources

If you do not have insurance, you may request an application for Florida Kid Care Insurance [KidCare Outreach-Florida Department of Health in Broward](#).

Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program provides vision examinations and eyeglasses when prescribed, to students in need of comprehensive vision services at no cost to the student. Please visit [Heiken-Flyer-English.pdf \(browardschools.com\)](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Coordinated Student Health Services at 754-321-1575, or visit www.browardschools.com/cshs