

Dear Colonial Students, Parents/Guardians, and Families:

The Colonial School District strives to support students' health and safety so they can be engaged and supported in their academic learning. To reach this goal, Colonial is partnering with Nemours Children's Health System (Nemours) and the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) on a project to support our students' health and attendance in school.

Through this project, the **Data Access for Student Health or DASH**, parents or guardians can give permission to Colonial to securely share attendance information and if the student has an IEP or 504 plan with their doctor(s), nurse(s), and medical office staff. This information will help the healthcare professionals work with families to provide outreach and medical attention to children who are missing school and may not be aware of potential services available.

Why are Colonial and Nemours partnering on this project?

At this time, Colonial and Nemours share the goal of having physically and mentally healthy children at school, every day, ready to learn. For many students with medical conditions such as asthma, allergies, sickle cell anemia, and diabetes, this can be harder. Colonial and Nemours are partnering to support children's health and well-being so that doctors and nurses know more about school attendance and education plans. Ultimately, our goal is to help students improve their academics.

How will this project help my child?

Doctors, nurses, and their staff can provide outreach and medical attention if your child is missing school. The medical care team can also support other common issues for getting to school, such as transportation or childcare needs. They will also now know if a child has an IEP or 504 plan and can encourage a family to discuss educational concerns and potential supports/services with the school.

What schools are participating in this project?

All Colonial schools are participating in this project. Colonial was selected for this project because many students get their medical care at the same doctors' offices. This allows Colonial to closely partner with those doctors and nurses.

What medical providers are participating in this project?

Physicians and Nurses from Nemours are actively participating in this project. We are continuing to promote this project to other medical providers in New Castle County to encourage their participation in the near future.

Is my child eligible to participate in this project?

All Colonial students (Preschool through 12th grade) are eligible to enroll in this project. At this time, only students who have a primary care provider through Nemours will receive outreach, if needed. If your student is not a Nemours patient and is struggling to attend school, we encourage you to contact your student's school to discuss concerns and potential resources.

How do I sign up?

To sign up, please sign the attached consent form and return it to your child's school. Families may also enroll electronically by completing the online registration form (<https://form.jotform.com/242126511931044>).

Do I need to sign up every year?

Enrollment is one-time and valid for the entire time your student attends a Colonial school.

How can I learn more?

If you have questions, please speak with your child's school, school nurse, or medical provider. You can also contact me at jon.cooper@colonial.k12.de.us or 302-323-2700. A Frequently Asked Questions document is at <https://www.colonialschooldistrict.org/parents-students/attendance>.

Sincerely,

Jon M. Cooper

Jon M. Cooper, EdD
Director, Division of Health and Wellness

DASH Project Consent (for students under age 18)

Health is important to success in school. Your child's school is partnering with local doctors and nurses through the Data Access for Student Health (DASH) Project to help keep students healthy and successful at school. Please complete the form below to give consent for your child to participate.

By signing below, I give permission for my child to participate in the DASH Project and I give consent to my child's school or others at Colonial to share and discuss my child's attendance records, IEP status and 504 plan status with my child's care team, contractors who assist in the treatment and care coordination of my child, and with any DASH project participant. I also give my child's doctor, nurse, and medical office staff permission to discuss pertinent medical and/or social needs with Colonial staff. This will allow Colonial to work with these healthcare professionals to keep my child healthy and successful at school.

I acknowledge and understand that I have the opportunity to review the records to be shared and the right to challenge the contents of such records, and I certify that my child is not at least eighteen (18) years of age.

This consent will continue through my child's enrollment at Colonial unless I withdraw my consent in writing. I can withdraw my consent at any time. NOTE: If Colonial wishes to share or discuss other parts of my child's academic record with my child's medical team, I will be asked to provide separate consent.

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Student's Name and Date of Birth)

(Parent/Guardian Current Address)

(Parent/Guardian Contact Number)

DASH Project Consent (for students at least 18 years old)

Health is important to success in school. Your school is partnering with local doctors and nurses through the Data Access for Student Health (DASH) Project to help keep students healthy and successful at school. Please complete the form below to give consent to participate.

By signing below, I give permission to participate in the DASH Project and I give consent to my school or others at Colonial to share and discuss my attendance records, IEP status, and 504 plan status with my care team, contractors who assist in the treatment and care coordination of me, and with any DASH project participant. I also give my doctor, nurse, and medical office staff permission to discuss pertinent medical and/or social needs with Colonial staff. This will allow Colonial to work with these healthcare professionals to keep me healthy and successful at school.

I acknowledge and understand that I have the opportunity to review the records to be shared and the right to challenge the contents of such records, and I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age.

This consent will continue through my enrollment at Colonial unless I withdraw my consent in writing. I can withdraw my consent at any time. NOTE: If Colonial wishes to share or discuss other parts of my academic record with my medical team, I will be asked to provide separate consent.

(Date)

(Student Signature)

(Student's Name and Date of Birth)

(Student Current Address)

(Student Contact Number)