Bentonville Schools - Health Services

The Nursing Staff welcomes you to Bentonville Schools Health Services Department.
This is a *brief introduction*. Please refer to the complete **handbook** or contact your building nurse with specific questions.

Health History Form

- **This online parent signed document gives the RN valuable medical/behavioral insight to your child's healthcare needs. Please accurately and thoroughly complete this form in your etrieve account in order for your child to receive treatments and medication.**

Medications

- **Prescription Medication Requirements:**
  - Signed Arkansas healthcare provider orders must be on file for all Rx medications administered at school.
  - Medication must be in the original Rx bottle or box with the current date.
  - Parent is to deliver medication to the school nurse, complete paperwork, and sign in medication.
  - Students are prohibited to transport medications. Violation could lead to school suspension.
  - Students needing to carry inhalers, epinephrine pens, or diabetic supplies, Solu-Cortef/Hydrocortisone must have proper documentation completed by the school nurse, parent, and Arkansas healthcare provider.
- **Over the Counter (OTC) Medications:**
  - Stock over the counter medications are ordered by Bentonville Schools' advising physician. Check with your school nurse for a detailed list. These medications are available sparingly per RN's assessment if an annual Health History Form is completed.
  - OTC medications must be FDA approved and have an Arkansas Licensed written Physician/Medical Provider order. Parents must deliver medication in an unopened box/bottle to the RN and sign the medication form.

Chronic Illnesses

- Please contact the school nurse if your child has a medical diagnosis of Asthma, ADD/ADHD, Cystic Fibrosis, Depression, Diabetes, Seizures, Life-Threatening Allergies, etc.
- An Arkansas Licensed Doctor/Health Care Provider must sign the current Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP). It will be on file for students with chronic illnesses, medically/psychologically fragile students, or for students with any other condition that may require medical care during the school day.

Acute Health Concerns:

- Parents are notified if your student was seen and/or given care in the health office.
- **Parents should contact the school nurse with any student health concerns.**
- After 1 day, provide a doctor's note for continued use of the elevator or continued excuse from P.E. or recess.
- Students with live head lice are excluded from school. Before readmission, the RN with the parent, will review treatment and examine the head, which must be lice free.

Immunizations

- ALL students whether on campus, virtual or blended, shall be age appropriately immunized from poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, varicella and other diseases as designated by the Arkansas Department of Health. *(Please note requirements differ from state to state.)*
- **The Arkansas Department of Health (1-800-574-4040)** issues exemptions. Please renew annually.
- A certificate of proof of immunizations shall be "signed" by a licensed physician, health department or the military service. Make an appointment, immunize and show proof to your school nurse.
- Contact the **Benton County Health Unit (479 986-1300**) for more information on the required immunizations. Noncompliance will result in school suspension as per Arkansas Law.

Health Screenings

- **Vision & Hearing**: Pre-kindergarten (PK), kindergarten (K), grades one (1), two (2), four (4), six (6), and eight (8), and all transfer students receive an eye/vision and hearing screen. Failures will require a medical exam completed by the appropriate medical provider. Give proof of exam results to your school nurse.
- **Scoliosis**: Girls in grades six (6) and eight (8); Boys in grade eight (8) will be screened**.**
- **BMI** (Body Mass Index): Students in grades k, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 will be screened.
- Document objection for scoliosis or BMI screening on your child's Health History Form.