

MAYFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Dear Parent,

We would like to take this opportunity to explain the role of the School Health Service and ask for your help in our work with your children.

SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS: Please be sure to let us know of **any** special health needs or concerns your child may have whether it be on a temporary or permanent basis. This information may be shared with school personnel to ensure your child's safety unless otherwise requested.

Examples of such needs are as follows:

1. Bee Sting Allergy (severity and treatment)
2. Allergy to any other substance (be as specific as possible)
3. Need for special aids such as crutches, wheelchair, splints, etc.
4. Head Lice – children should be checked periodically at home and the school nurse should be notified if live lice or nits are found.
5. Surgical procedure such as tonsillectomy, tooth extraction ect.
6. Diagnosis of communicable disease such as, but not limited to, Fifth Disease, Impetigo, Scabies, Pneumonia, Chicken Pox.
7. Difficulty with vision, hearing or speech.

****IT IS THE PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY BUS DRIVERS/TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OF YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH CONCERNS! ****

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL:

Every effort should be made to administer medication at home.

However, if your physician feels that medication is necessary during the school day, please keep in mind that **NYS law requires that ALL medication** (even "over the counter" medication such as Tylenol, cough drops, throat lozenges and skin cream) :

1. **Must be accompanied by a doctor's order.**
2. **Must be accompanied by written parental permission requesting administration of the medication as ordered by the licensed prescriber.**
3. **Must be in the original container.**
4. **Must not be transported to or from school by a student.**

The pharmacy label on the bottle does not take the place of a doctor's order. A new order from a physician must be submitted to the Health Office for any change in a previous medication order (i.e. dosage or time to be given). Medication orders must be renewed each school year.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Please keep Emergency Information up-to-date. It is essential for the protection of your child to be able to reach someone in case of an emergency. Please list only names of people that you would entrust your child to in case you cannot be reached.

ATTENDANCE:

WRITTEN PARENTAL EXPLANATION IS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW FOR ALL ABSENCES. Please notify the Elementary School at 661- 8254 or 8251 or the High School at 661- 8211 by 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be absent or arrive late. Please keep your child home for 24 hours after a fever (100 F or above) has returned to normal for his/her protection as well as the protection of the other students.

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ACCIDENTS IN SCHOOL:

If an accident occurs in school, the parent will be notified. The student will be treated with appropriate first aid measures until the person in parental authority can authorize further treatment.

The Mayfield Central School District maintains a Student Accident Insurance Policy which is non-duplicating. If an accident occurs during school or a school sponsored activity, this policy will pay claims in excess of other coverage you may have on your child, up to the usual and reasonable expense as determined by the insurance carrier.

If your child is injured in a school sponsored activity, you have 30 days from the date of injury to seek medical treatment. You must notify the school nurse that your child's injury was medically treated so that claim procedures can be initiated.

IMMUNIZATIONS:

Please check with your child's health care provider to be sure all immunization requirements have been met. A listing can be found at <http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf> Written documentation from a physician must be on record in the Health Office, so please be sure we are updated with records of all newly administered immunizations.

SCHOOL PHYSICALS:

The New York State Education Law requires that all students entering the school district for the first time and those in grades 2, 4, 7 and 10, have a physical examination completed and on record in the Health Office. Physicals are accepted if administered **not more than twelve months** prior to the beginning of the school year in which the examination is required. **A law was recently enacted that expands the health screenings to include the dental health of students. When we require that your child have a physical exam, we will be requesting a DENTAL CERTIFICATE as well.**

SCREENING GUIDELINES:

New entrants and students in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10 will be screened for vision. New entrants and students in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10 will be screened for hearing. Students in grades 5 through 9 will be screened for scoliosis. Parents will be informed of any abnormal findings.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

* A student may be excused from 3 consecutive days of P.E. class and recess without a doctor's excuse. When a doctor restricts a child from activity, a note from the doctor will be needed to resume activity. If your child has sutures or is wearing a cast or splint s/he will not be allowed to participate in P.E. or recess.

* Be sure your child comes to school every day with warm enough clothing for outdoor recess. (Hat, gloves, coat, boots, and snow pants)

* Please be sure to keep us updated on any new health related issues – i.e. injuries, illnesses, immunizations.

We at Mayfield Central School are grateful for your cooperation and look forward to working with you to make your child's school year is a positive experience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to drop in or call us: Janine Kilpatrick-Eccles, R.N., High School Nurse at 661-8211 or Rebecca Lestage, R.N., Elementary School Nurse at 661-8254.