

## From the Nurse's Desk

As we get ready for the next school year, I just want to remind you of a few important things.

- 1. All students must be in compliance with immunizations at all times to continue attending school. If your student falls behind at any time, he/she will not be allowed to attend school until back in compliance, per Texas State Law.
  - a. Your child must be in compliance the first day of school in order to attend, NO EXCEPTIONS!
  - b. If your child is enrolled on a provisional basis, the nurse will help send home reminders on when the next dose is due to be administered. Failure to do so by the date on the notice will result in your child not being allowed to attend school.
  - c. You MUST provide an updated shot record to the nurse before your child is allowed to return to school.
- 2. All students in Pre-K, Kinder, 1st, 3rd, or 5th grade will have his/her vision and hearing screened. All girls in 5th grade and boys in 8th grade will be screened for scoliosis, per Texas State Law.
  - a. The nurse will send a note home with the date of scoliosis screenings.
  - b. You will only be notified via letter if your child does not pass a screening and requires additional follow up with a physician.
- 3. It is a good idea to send a change of clothes for your child to keep at school in case of an accident or spill. The nurse has limited access to clothes that may or may not fit your child.
- 4. Please be sure you notify the school office/nurse if your phone number changes. The nurse needs to be able to contact you in case of an emergency. At least 2 emergency numbers are ideal.
- 5. If your child has a medical condition, restrictions or requires medication at school, please notify the nurse prior to the first day of school so she can ensure your child receives the best care possible while at school.
  - a. ANY changes to your child's health or medication throughout the year needs to be communicated to the nurse immediately.
- 6. The nurse is not required to contact you every time she sees your child. You will be contacted for serious/emergency situations and any other situation the nurse feels is necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any additional questions, please contact the nurse.

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