



Preschool Health Information

IMMUNIZATIONS

Every student is required by Missouri law (Section 167.181, RSMO) to have written documentation of immunizations in his/her school record. It is unlawful for a child to attend school unless this documentation is on file. Waynesville Schools require that all students receive the minimum immunization requirements for children attending public schools as mandated by Missouri State Law. Two types of exemptions are available:

- 1) Medical exemption—must be certified by a licensed physician and
- 2) Parental exemption—must be signed by the custodial parent.

Age	Vaccination
3 and 4 year olds	4 DTP, 3 OPV, 1 MMR, 3 HB, 1 or more HiB after age 12 months, and 1 Varicella after age 12 months; PCV 4+ pneumococcal
5 years to Kindergarten entry (not including Kindergarten entry)	4 DTP, 3 OPV, 1 MMR, 3 HB, 1 Varicella after age 12 months

NOTE: Immunizations for nonmilitary families can be obtained from the Pulaski County Health Department by calling 573-736-2217 or a doctor of your choice. Military dependents may receive immunizations by contacting the Immunization Clinic at the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital (573-596-1768).

PHYSICALS

Physicals are required for all students entering the preschool programs in the Waynesville R-VI Schools. Functional vision and hearing must be addressed on the physicals for preschool students.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

MEDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN AT HOME WHEN POSSIBLE. If this is not possible, a medication authorization form **MUST** be completed by a physician and signed by a parent for all medications that will be given for long-term periods (greater than 10 days). All medications will be locked in the nurse’s office. **Medication must be in the original container with student’s name, doctor’s name, name of medication, dosage time, and route of administration.** Medication authorization forms are available in the nurse’s office. If the medication is being given for an indefinite period of time, a 30-day supply should be provided to the nurse’s office. Medications should be delivered to the nurse’s office by the parent/guardian unless prior arrangements have been made with the school nurse or administrator. Keeping track of refills is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Short-term prescription medication may be given at school upon receipt of medication and written request of the parent, provided the medication is brought to school in a prescription bottle and the above guidelines listed in bold print have been met. The prescription label will be considered an equivalent of the physician’s order for short-term medications only. School personnel cannot knowingly administer prescription drugs in an amount exceeding the recommended daily dosage listed in the Physician’s Desk Reference (PDR) or other recognized medical or pharmaceutical text.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

Medications should be given at home when possible. Over-the-counter medications for colds, coughs, headaches, etc., may be given if written permission from the legal guardian is on file and updated annually in the nurse’s office. Medication must be brought to school in the original container by the parent/guardian and will be locked in the nurse’s office. Administration of over-the-counter medications does not require a prescription as long as school personnel administer the medication according to the specific directions outlined on the manufacturer’s label and administer only those approved by the FDA. Medications in envelopes, plastic wraps, lunch boxes, etc., should not be brought to school. **NO medications should be carried by a student.**

NOTE: If your child is severely allergic to bee stings, a bee sting kit is requested to be kept at school. A medication authorization form needs to be completed by the parent, signed by a physician, and kept on file in the nurse's office. An emergency action plan should be on file in the nurse's office. The school will not administer medications unless the school's student medication policy is followed.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

It is unlawful for any child to attend a public school while afflicted with any contagious or infectious disease, or while liable to transmit such disease after having been exposed. Communicable diseases include but are not limited to impetigo, conjunctivitis (i.e., pink eye), scabies, ringworm, etc. If a student is suspected of having any contagious condition, the student will be sent home with a form from the nurse's office. A physician must send a statement to the school verifying that the student was seen by a physician and is being treated or is not longer contagious

Please do not send your child to school when any of the following conditions exist:

- Fever
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- EXCESSIVE nasal discharge
- Sore throat
- EXCESSIVE cough or croup
- Any unexplained rash or skin infection
- Pink eye, or discharge from the eyes
- Head lice
- Measles, mumps, chicken pox, and other childhood diseases

Children cannot attend school with an unexplained oozing rash. The nurse will determine if a medical referral to a doctor is necessary. If so, the child will not be allowed to return to school without a written release from the physician.

HEAD LICE

The Waynesville R-VI School District requires that students who have been sent home due to possible infestation of head lice must not return to school until proof of shampooing for lice with an approved lice shampoo has occurred and ALL NITS (lice eggs) have been removed from the hair. Nit combs are available at local pharmacies in Waynesville/St. Robert to assist in nit removal. Students returning to school must be cleared through the nurse's office before readmission is allowed. Parents are requested to bring students to the nurse's office for this screening and to present to the nurse proof that approved medical treatment has occurred. A physician's statement is not necessary for head lice.

PRESCRIPTIONS FOR RELATED SERVICES

Some programs in the school, such as the physical therapy program, require the parents to provide a prescription, signed by a physician, each year for students who need these services. The teachers will advise the parents when scripts are required.

ILLNESS AND EMERGENCIES

THE NURSE IS NOT A DOCTOR AND CANNOT DIAGNOSE OR ORDER TREATMENTS. The nurse's office is not equipped to let a sick child remain for more than thirty minutes for preschoolers. In cases which evoke concern for your child's health and well being (i.e., lethargic, non-specific crying, increased seizure activity, etc.), the parent will be notified and asked to take the child home.

It is very important that the nurse have current phone numbers where the parent can be reached, especially in emergency situations. Please send updated home, work and emergency phone numbers. If your child has a particular health problem, please send all information available concerning diagnosis and treatment to the school nurse. It is important that health records of every student are updated and that the school staff is informed of your child's health problem.

Following a student's dismissal from the hospital, the school may require a release of information, signed by the physician, to indicate the child is allowed to return to school.

NOTE: If a student has a temperature of 100 degrees or more, is vomiting, or has diarrhea, the student will be sent home. He/She should remain home for a period of 24 hours without fever, vomiting or diarrhea **without medication** before returning to school.

Unfortunately, this is a very brief note and cannot cover all aspects. Please feel free to call your school nurse if you have any questions.