

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE
Menands School

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Menands School would like to take this opportunity to explain the role of the School Health Service, and to ask your help in our work with your child.

Special Health Needs:

1. Bee Sting Allergy
2. Allergy to any other medication or food
3. Difficulty with vision, hearing, or speech
4. Need for medication during the school day
5. Other special considerations

Medications in School:

Every effort should be made to administer medication at home, as it does present a disruption in the student's day. However, if your physician feels that medication is necessary during the day, please submit a completed form from your doctor, which may be obtained from the health office, before medication is brought to school.

A new form must be filled out each year, and for any changes in medication. Administration of medication during the school day is permitted only with written directions from the physician, and with parental approval. (PLEASE NOTE: THIS INCLUDES ALL TYPES OF MEDICATION, INCLUDING OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS.) This medication must be brought to the health office by the parent, in its original container, or a duplicate professionally labeled by the pharmacist for this purpose.

The only medication that a child may carry with him/her is an INHALER, which may be needed quickly for difficulty breathing. This will be permitted only if the child is deemed responsible to self-administer. Written orders from the child's physician and parent are also still required. OTHERWISE, NO STUDENT, AT ANY TIME, IS ALLOWED TO CARRY ANY MEDICATION ON THEIR PERSON.

Emergency Telephone Numbers:

The importance of having up-to-date Emergency Numbers must be stressed. More and more parents are away from home during the day and it is essential, for the protection of our students, to be able to reach someone in case of an emergency or in the event of an unplanned early dismissal. You will be asked to complete an emergency card, which will be kept on file.

Accidents in School:

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

Immunizations:

All students in New York State are required to be immunized against DPT, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, Hib-type b, and varicella. A child will not be permitted to attend school without proper verification of these.

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School Physician:

The New York Education Law requires a physical exam for all new students upon entrance to school and routinely in grades 2, 4 and 7. We encourage this to be done by your child's physician, as he can offer a more complete examination through his/her knowledge of your family. If a physical is done by our school physician, you will be notified of any abnormal findings.

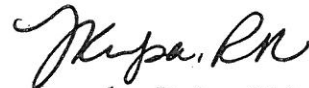
After September 1, 2008, when we require that your child have a physical examination, we will be requesting a dental certificate as well. Attached is a sample certificate available to you to take to your child's dentist. Once it is completed, it should be returned to the School Nurse and it will be filed in your child's Cumulative Health Record.

Screening Procedures:

Students in all grades are screened for visual acuity and hearing. Students from ages 8-16 are also screened for scoliosis according to state law. Parents will be notified of any abnormal findings.

We are grateful for your cooperation, and look forward to working with you to make your child's school year a positive one.

Sincerely,



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