

# HEALTH ROOM POLICIES

SCHOOL YEAR, 2021-2022

## MEDICATIONS

**\*\*All Medications/Inhalers are not permitted in school unless prescribed by a doctor.\*\***

- All medications must be brought to school by the parent/guardian or responsible **ADULT** and handed to the school nurse or, in the absence of the school nurse other qualified personnel trained in the administration of medication.
- Prescription medication must be in the original pharmacy prepared container and labeled with the student's name, medication name, strength, dose, and time it is to be given. Over the counter (OTC) medications must be in an original unopened container. Only a 90-day supply is permitted in school. An adult must pick up all medication at the end of the school year.
- A Medication Authorization Form is necessary for any medication (including over the counter drugs and medications) to be given/taken during school hours. This form must be filled out properly and signed by both the parent/legal guardian and the health care provider.

## ATTENDANCE DOCUMENTATION AND CALL-IN PROCEDURES

- Please call 860-828-4119 to report student absences by 9:15 a.m. It is essential that absences are reported on a daily basis. If known, multiple day absences may be reported with a single call. Please report late arrivals that are due to medical appointments or other appropriate reasons in the same way that you report an absence. Again, written documentation must be provided for ALL student absences. In any case, where the school is not contacted regarding absence, verification will be made with the phone number provided. This policy is in place for the safety of your child.
- When you call the school, please give a specific reason for your child's absence. This will help to track communicable illnesses, such as COVID-19, Strep Throat, and Chicken Pox, and notify other parents if necessary.
- Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if he/she is sick. If your child was vomiting during the night, keep him/her home to make sure the illness is over. If your child has any of the potential COVID-19 key signs and symptoms or any two potential COVID-19 signs and symptoms listed below, please keep them home and notify the school nurse.

(Key COVID-19 signs and symptoms are italicized)

- Uncontrolled new cough*
- Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing*
- Fever and/or Chills (Temperature 100.0 degrees F or greater)*
- New loss of sense of smell or taste*
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Headache
- Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Fatigue
- Sore Throat

Symptoms may be mild or severe and may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

## **SCREENINGS**

- The Board will provide annually to each student enrolled in kindergarten, grades one and three to five, inclusive, a vision screening using a Snellen chart or equivalent screening device, such as an automated vision screening device.
- The Board will provide annually to each student enrolled in kindergarten, grades one and three through five, inclusive, audiometric screening for hearing.
- The Board will provide postural screenings for each female student in grade five.