

# Goddard USD # 265 Health Services



## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

**Hepatitis B:** 3 doses required through grade 9\*.

**Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis):** required at 11 years of age if more than 2 years since previous dose. For adolescents older than age 11, **Tdap** booster is required 10 years after the completion of the primary series or previous dose. If pertussis is contraindicated, KCI form B Medical Exemption should be completed by a physician.

**Varicella (chickenpox):** 2 doses required for Kindergarten; 1 dose required for grades 1-9\* unless history of varicella disease is ***documented by a licensed physician***. **This means that your physician MUST document the illness & you will need to provide this documentation to your student's school nurse.**

**\*ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE 3 DOSES OF HEPATITIS B & 2 DOSES OF VARICELLA FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR.**

## Student Health Requirements USD 265

Goddard School District strives to provide a safe and healthy school environment for all of the students attending our schools.. Your help is needed to assure that we have current health and medical information for your child so we can make appropriate medical care and sound nursing decisions by following school rules and supplying your child's school with current health and medical information for your child. Please do not hesitate to call your school nurse with any concerns or questions you may have.

The school nurses of Goddard School District want you to know that some of the health requirements for your child are:

- A signed or stamped copy of Immunizations directly from your physician, Health Dept., shot record book, KCI (Kansas Certificate of Immunization), or a computer generated document printed off or faxed from your health care provider's office. **Either the physician or his representative must have signed and dated these**, parents are not allowed to sign off on immunizations. Your child's shots **must** be up to date for their age as per the Kansas Immunization Statutes. These can change yearly, so if you have any questions regarding State requirements, please contact your physician, Health Clinic, or School Nurse.
- For Pre-School, Kindergarten, or Special Education services students, **a physical with a vision and hearing check is required**. The parent/guardian fills out the front, and your physician completes, signs, and dates the back. The **CHILD ASSESSMENT Physical Form** is available in your child's school office.
- A yearly completed **Annual Health Information Update** form, in the enrollment packet, gives us the info on **any health conditions and restrictions** your child may have and what treatment is required. Please be specific! If your child has a food or other allergy, please note this and the consequences to exposure. Regarding severe food allergies, if your child requires food or snack monitoring, or requires an omission/substitution for certain foods (such as a peanut or dairy allergy), we have a form **that must be completed and signed by your physician at the beginning of each school year!** If the allergy is life-threatening, doctor's orders on how to treat and the drugs to be administered, along with the prescribed emergency medications, must be kept in the nurse's office. **Please speak to your school nurse before school starts about any serious health care need!**
- **It is very important for us to have current phone numbers and be able to reach you at all times during the day.** For unexpected illness or injury, if we cannot reach you, or have you return our call within 30 minutes, we may have no choice but to alert Police, Emergency Services for an ambulance, or notify Child Social Services. It is absolutely essential that we be able to reach you **immediately** for a child that has a known serious health issue, allergy, or medical condition. **YOU MUST notify us of all phone number or contact changes...for your work, home, and cell phones!**
- Children that become, or complain of being ill at school, will be assessed by the school nurse with consideration of Kansas Statute 65-122. Our goal is to keep children in the classroom. However, if a child has made several complaints, does not appear well, or has a temperature of 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit or above, or has symptoms of nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, headache, sore throat, or rash, they will be sent home. A child will be sent home with a temperature of 100 degrees or above, *with or without accompanying symptoms*. **ANY CHILD SENT HOME with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea must be kept home for a minimum of an additional 24 hours AFTER the last fever, or episode of vomiting or diarrhea. They must remain symptom free without the use of fever reducers (Tylenol, Ibuprofen), or anti-nausea/diarrheal medications!** It often takes at least this amount of time for the body to rid itself of viruses, and it is our goal to keep the exposure to healthy children and staff at a minimum. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND SICK CHILDREN TO SCHOOL!** For Pre-K & Kindergarten students that don't appear to feel well and have difficulty verbalizing their complaints, a parent will be called.
- **HEAD LICE:** Students with head lice will be sent home and will not be allowed to ride the bus or return to the classroom until checked and cleared by the school nurse. Current School Board Policy requires that children be lice and nit (the louse egg) free prior to returning to school.
- **MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL:** Please instruct your child to bring all medications to the school nurse immediately upon arrival at school. Medications must not be left in backpacks or in the desks of young children. (Older students may carry some medications with the proper documentation and approval arranged by your school nurse and a parent.) All **PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS** at school will be given only if a written order is provided and signed by a physician AND signed the parent/guardian. It must be sent with the medicine in its original container showing the current expiration/dispensing dates. For **OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINES**, a **dated and parent/guardian signed note or green Goddard Public Schools medication form, which includes the number of days the medication is to be dispensed, must accompany the medication.** For chronic conditions, you may write that the medication is to be available to the child "all school year." **All medications must be brought to school in the original container and cannot be expired.** Medication forms are available from your school nurse, or may be downloaded and printed from the school nurse's page for your child's school on the Goddard School District website, [www.goddardusd.com](http://www.goddardusd.com).