

# SPRING CREEK ISD



It is our sincere wish to provide your child with the best health care possible during school hours. This letter is sent to help you understand how health needs are met at Spring Creek ISD and encourage you to communicate your needs to us so that we can best serve your child.

## IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunizations are a priority at the beginning of the school year. If students are not immunized fully for the diseases specified by the Texas Department of State Health Services, **the students are prohibited from attending public schools until the needed initial vaccines are received.** Vaccines will be required as soon as medically feasible and according to the required schedule.

## SENDING STUDENTS HOME

On occasion it may become necessary to call you to pick up your child if:

- 1) He/she has a fever of 100 degrees or greater;
- 2) He/she has vomiting or diarrhea;
- 3) He/she sustains an injury that may require a visit to your doctor;
- 4) He/she has an unknown rash or symptoms that may indicate a communicable disease;
- 5) He/she develops a condition which keeps the student from functioning in a school setting;

**\*Please notify the nurse at your child's school if there are any allergies or health concerns.**

## MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Medications given during school hours are required to meet the following guidelines to provide consistent and safe administration.

***All medication should be given at home whenever possible. If medication must be given during the school day, please time administration so that only one dose is required while the student is at school.***

When it is necessary for prescription medications to be administered during school hours, ALL prescription medications must be:

1. Provided by the parent and accompanied with a signed permission slip.
2. In its original container and properly labeled. (Your pharmacy will provide you with a "school" bottle if you request it.)
3. Accompanied by a note from your child's physician directing its use if medication is in sample form without prescription label.
4. Accompanied by a note from your child's physician if the physician has requested that the inhaler is to be carried by the student. A second inhaler should be provided and kept in the main office.

*The “first dose” of any prescription medication should be administered in a safe monitored environment by the parent. The “first dose” should be administered in an environment where the parent/guardian may observe for possible side effects. The school administrator has discretion to refuse to give any initial medication she feels is possible dangerous to give in a school setting.*

## **ALL NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS**

1. Must be provided by the parent and accompanied with a signed permission slip.
2. Must be in the original container and properly labeled, (please send small bottles where possible due to limited storage space).
3. Must be age appropriate, unless otherwise directed with a note from your child’s physician.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only eye/ear drops or ointment preparations will be sent home on the bus.

**No oral medications will be sent home with the student.** If oral medications must be sent to and from the school on a daily basis, they will only be released to the parent/guardian. Listed below are items available for use at Spring Creek ISD. Unless notified in writing by parent/guardian, we will use these preparations according to label directions should the need arise.

- Antibiotic ointment
- Calamine lotion
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Saline solution
- Petroleum jelly
- Wound cleaner
- Wasp/Bee sting pain reliever pads
- Alcohol pads
- Hand lotion

## **SCREENINGS**

We will be conducting screenings throughout the school year. These screenings include:

- Vision and hearing screenings conducted on K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grade students
- Spinal screenings conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Lice screenings conducted on an as needed basis.
- Heights and weights are obtained on all students

**IMPORTANT: Written notification signed by the parent/guardian must be received in order to exclude student(s) from screening.** Once your child has been screened, the district designee will only contact you if your child did not meet the minimum requirements for that particular screening.

We are dedicated to maintaining a healthy environment that will allow your child to achieve personal physical and academic growth. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 806-273-6791.