

Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation

Health Services

Immunizations

According to Indiana Code 20-8.1-7-10.1(c) (1), when a student enrolls for the first time in a school corporation, a statement of the student's immunizations which shows that the student has received at least the minimum number of immunizations for the student's age will be supplied to the school by a parent or guardian. All immunizations **MUST** be current **AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION**. Students without current immunizations may be admitted to school provided the documentation is received within twenty (20) days.

Student Medication:

1. All prescription and over-the-counter medication will be kept in the school office, unless a student has written physician permission to possess and self-administer the medication according to IC 20-8.1-5.1-7.5.
2. Written instructions from the parent/guardian are required for all prescription and OTC medications. **The instructions must include: name of medication, reason for medication, amount to administer, and time to be administered.** OTC medication amounts must be age appropriate per product label, and may not be given more frequently than stated on label except with physician prescription (see the attached medication form).
3. Pharmacy and OTC medication **must be in the original container affixed with a current pharmacy or package label.**
4. Medication ordered **three times a day or less should be given before and after school and at bedtime.** Prescription medication with a specific time ordered that is during school hours will be given as directed.
5. Medications must be picked up in the school office, and will be released to the parent or a designee who is at least 18 years old with written permission from the parent. OTC or non-controlled medication may be sent home with the student with written permission from the parent. **Controlled substances (stimulants, prescription pain medication, anxiety medications etc.) can NOT be sent home with a student.**
6. If a student is found using or possessing **ANY** medication without parent authorization, the student will be brought to the office and the medication will be confiscated until the parent is contacted for verbal authorization. This must then be followed up with written authorization from the parent/guardian.
7. Any student who distributes a medication of any kind to another student or is found in possession of a non-authorized medication is in violation of the school's Code of Conduct and will be disciplined in accordance with the drug-use provision of the Code.

Students with Diabetes:

A diabetes management and treatment plan will be prepared and implemented for use during school hours and after/school hour school-related activities. The plan shall be developed by the licensed health care practitioner responsible for the student's diabetic treatment and the student's parent/legal guardian. This plan should be up-dated annually.

Injury:

Our "School Health Guidelines" are approved annually by the County Health Officer (currently Dr. Thomas Sharp, MD) and are followed in each school for exclusion for illnesses and basic first aid measures used for the treatment of injuries. Nurses or their designee may administer Tylenol (generic) or an antacid (usually Tums or a generic) with parent permission. The following medications and supplies are kept on hand in the health offices at RBBCSC schools: Tylenol (generic), antacid (generic), contact lens solution, eye irrigations, topical antiseptics, topical analgesics, throat lozenges, band aids, bandages, elastic wraps, heating pads, splints and ice packs. Diphenhydramine (an oral antihistamine) may be used for severe allergic reactions if the parent is contacted and gives verbal permission. Keep in mind that our budgets and supplies are limited and are not to be a substitute or replacement for situations that can be taken care of at home. Please notify us in writing if you prefer that these products **not** be used when treating your child.

Illness:

Students with vomiting, diarrhea, undiagnosed skin rashes, eye infections, or fever over 100° should not attend school. Students should not return to school until symptoms have resolved, or are fever-free for 24 hours. **Students being treated with antibiotic medications should receive the medication for 24 hours before returning to school.** Students will be sent home from school with temperatures over 100°, vomiting, diarrhea, skin rashes, eye infections, or other symptoms of illness.

Health Screenings:

Head lice checks are done individually on an as-needed basis if signs of possible head louse infestation are noted, such as excessive head scratching or bugs in the hair. Students may be excluded from school if live lice or nits within ¼" of the scalp are found. Students must be checked by the school nurse **before** they may return to class.

Vision screening is done with all students in grades K, 1, 3, and 8.

Hearing screenings are completed with grades 1, 4, 7, and 10.

Parents or guardians will be notified by a referral letter if a concern is identified during the screening process. Referrals are based upon Indiana State referral recommendations. Further medical evaluation should be obtained. Questions regarding these procedures should be directed to your child's school nurse.

Nursing Personnel and Phone Numbers:

High School/EDGE – Sandra Miller, RN	876-2277, EXT. 206
EJHS – Lori Brenner, RN	876-2005, EXT. 317
EIS – Chris Linville, LPN	876-2219, EXT. 404
EPS- Amy Thomas, Health Assistant	876-9600, EXT. 811
SES/EECC – Eileen Goss, RN, BSN	876-2474, EXT. 575