

Allen County Non-Public School Association

Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Health Forms 2016-2017

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**All forms should be returned to the school office
BY AUGUST 11, 2017.**

Important Information for Kindergarten/Pre-Kindergarten Entrance

Packet

This packet includes several important forms that you will need to complete and return to the school office before your student begins their first day of school.

About Immunizations:

IC 20-34-4-2 requires that all students entering Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten be fully immunized following the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) and Indiana State Department of Health guidelines. These mandatory vaccinations include DTaP (5), IPV (4), Hepatitis B (3), MMR (2), Varicella (2) and Hepatitis A (2). These minimum doses must be met and they must have been given at the proper minimum age and have the proper intervals between each one to be acceptable for the state school requirements. A photocopied record of your child's immunizations from your child's physician must be provided to the school **BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** as proof of the vaccines having been given. Students who will not be receiving immunizations for religious reasons (IC 20-34-3-2), or those who have a medical contraindication (IC 20-34-3-3) to vaccine administration, must have the appropriate exemption forms filed annually with the school office (contact the school office to obtain the correct form).

It is important that you review your child's immunization records now and obtain these necessary immunizations from your child's physician, the Fort Wayne Allen County Department of Health, or any Super Shot location. Remember to provide the school with documentation of all shots received from infancy through the current date.

Required FREE vision MCT Exam for all kindergarteners:

IC 20-34-3-12 requires all kindergarten or first grade students to have an MCT vision exam done by either an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

We have chosen kindergarten to be done. To take advantage of a FREE vision screening for your child, please check the back side of the "Kindergarten Vision Examination" form for a list of local optometrists who have agreed to provide this service at no cost for your kindergarten child.

If you prefer to use your own optometrist or ophthalmologist, please take this form to their office and have them completely fill out after your child's exam. Please understand that if you choose your own, you may have an additional cost to incur. It is important that your child be screened for any vision problems at an early age to detect and correct any abnormalities that may exist. Having an eye professional perform this exam is vital.

This exam needs to be done before the first day of school.

About washing hands:

Now is the time to teach your child the importance of good hand washing. Keeping hands clean is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of infection and illness. Help your child stay healthy by encouraging good hand washing habits.

Regular sleep is very important:

Regular sleep habits are very important to the health and well-being of your child. A young child needs, on average, 10-12 hours of sleep a night. Establish a regular bedtime. Turn off the TV and videos and read a book before bed!

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

PLEASE RETURN ALL PAPERWORK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETED.

General Health Information

Physicals/Health Questionnaire: All students new to our school are required to have a recent physical signed by their physician along with the "Health Questionnaire" form **submitted to the school office no later than the first day of school.**

Dental: All students are strongly encouraged to visit their dentist regularly and have the "Certificate of Dental Examination" form completed prior to their first day of school. While we do not screen for dental issues, it is an important part of our general health and well being.

Immunizations: IC 20-34-4-2 requires that **ALL** students have the required immunizations **PRIOR to, and on file with, the school before the first day of school.** These immunizations need to be given according to the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) and the Indiana State Department of Health, this includes proper intervals between each required dose. **Unfortunately, if this is not done, you will receive a letter excluding your child from school until the immunizations have been obtained and proper paperwork has been filed.**

The only exception to this rule is a signed "Medical Exemption" form filled out by your child's physician (IC 20-34-3-3), or a "Religious Objection" form signed by the parents/legal guardians (IC 20-34-3-2). Please contact the nurse if you need either of these forms.

CHIRP: As required by IC 20-34-4-6, we report immunizations to the State Department of Health each year on all students in **grades K, 1 and 6.** This report is currently done online through CHIRP (Children and Hoosier Immunization Registry Program) and we will need a consent signed for each child in order to report this information to the state. If you have children in grades K, 1 or 6, a form will be made available to you for your signature. **This form needs to be submitted to the school office no later than the first day of school.**

When your child is ill: Children with fever, diarrhea, vomiting or other symptoms of illness should stay at home, and, if indicated, be evaluated by the doctor for diagnosis and appropriate treatment. **Any fever of 99.9 degrees or above means that your child must stay home for at least 24 hours (free of fever and without the use of acetaminophen or ibuprofen).** This means that if your child was sent home from school the day before with a fever, they need to wait **at least 24 hours** before they will be admitted back to school.

Medications: We will only administer FDA approved over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription medications prescribed to your child (this does not include any herbal medications). These medications need to be brought to school by an adult in their original package and accompanied by the medication consent form found on our website or in the school office. Medication brought in to school will only be available during school hours. Our school policies are in accordance with IC 20-34-3-18. All medication will be kept in a locked cabinet with the nurse, or trained staff member dispensing according to the package instructions. Students are not to have medication with them at any time. The only exception to this is if your child needs emergency medication (ex. insulin, an inhaler or an epinephrine injection) and the proper paperwork is filled out and on file with the school. (Forms may be found in the school office) If needed, this form requires a signature from your child's physician and is only for their EMERGENCY medication. These policies are in place to keep your child and others in the building as safe as they can be during the school day. A reminder that all cough drops are considered OTC medication and need to be kept in the school office for your child's use. Please read our full medication policy on the reverse side of the "Medication Consent" form.

Please understand that NO medication can be sent home with your child.

Health Screening Information

During the school year, the following health screenings will take place as part of the health services to your child, and fulfillment of the health screening laws of the State of Indiana. Some students will receive referral letters from the school nurse as the result of these screenings.

HEARING SCREENING

Hearing screenings will be conducted according to IC 20-34-3-14, on all students in grades **1-4-7, and 10** as mandated by the state. We will also check all students new to the school, and any others by special request. The school nurse, or trained volunteers, will conduct this screening. Re-checks will be done at least 2 weeks later on students who have questionable results and referral letters will be sent to those who do not meet the required thresholds on these rechecks. The school nurse will also notify the teachers of those students that referral letters are sent to.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ALL REFERRAL FORMS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SCHOOL NURSE.

VISION SCREENING

Both far and near vision screening will be conducted according to IC 20-31-3-12 for all students in grades **3-5-8**. We will also check all students by special request. The school nurse, or trained volunteers, will conduct this screening. This Indiana Law also requires that **either K or grade 1*** be examined by an eye professional, so we have decided to send all of our kindergarten students for the FREE exam that local eye Dr's have offered to us. Re-checks will be done on students who have questionable results and referral letters will be sent to those who do not meet the minimum requirements on these rechecks. The school nurse will also notify the teachers of those students that referral letters are sent to. ***Please note that St. Therese School requires all Kindergarten to have an exam by an eye doctor.**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ALL REFERRAL FORMS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SCHOOL NURSE.