

SOLVAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

HEALTH OFFICE NOTICES

Medications at School

All medications, prescription or “over the counter” require a doctor’s written permission. Medicine should be brought to the school nurse by the parent. The medicine should be in the original container. It will be kept locked in the Health Office and given to the student by the nurse according to the doctor’s written directions. Students may not carry medicine of any kind in their pocket, purse, backpack, etc. (*Exception: students in grade 4 and above may carry inhalers and EpiPens with doctor and parent written permission*).

Physical Examinations

A physical exam must be presented within 30 days of entry into grades Pre-K or K, 2, 4, 7 & 10. All new entrants Pre-K through 12 are also required to present proof of physical examination. If the student does not have a physical exam report from a doctor, an exam will be done by the school doctor. An exam done at the student’s previous school is acceptable if done within the past 12 months. Athletic physicals must be done before participation in sports. A private physician may perform the examination but the report **must** be on school form. All private sports physicals will be reviewed by the school physician for approval/disapproval. Call the school nurse for forms and further information.

Screening

Kindergartners and new entrants will receive vision and hearing screenings early in the year. Students in grades 5 thru 9 will be screened each year for scoliosis (curvature of the spine). Vision and hearing screening will be done in grades K-3 and 5, 7 & 10. If any problem is found, parents will be notified in writing. Referral to a doctor will be advised.

Illness or Accident

In case of accident or sudden illness, parents will be notified. Parents are responsible for picking up a sick or injured child. It is important that the school have parents’ home, work and cell phone numbers as well as the name, address and phone number of another relative, sitter or neighbor to contact in case of emergency. Please notify the school of any changes in addresses or phone numbers.

Absences and Excuses

If a child is to be absent or late to school, parents should call the school before 9:00am. A voice mail system is in operation at all times for parent convenience. Parents who have not called the school will be contacted.

If you think your child has a contagious disease, please keep your sick child at home, contact your family doctor, and notify the school nurse of the illness. Written excuses are required when a child returns to school after an absence or tardiness.

If a child is to leave school early for an appointment, a note must be sent to school. Parents should come to the office to pick up and sign out their child.

Physical Education excuses must be written by a doctor and should include diagnosis, duration of excuse, and any restrictions after the exclusion period is over.