WASHINGTONVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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WASHINGTONVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents:

NYS Legislation requires medical examinations of children entering Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11, and any new entrants to the district. Each physical must state the students Body Mass Index (BMI) and weight status category. Parents are strongly encouraged to have this examination performed by their family health care provider. Physicals and the Annual Physical Examination Form need to be completed within 12 months before the commencement of the school year in which the examination is required and **provided to the school nurse within 30 days after the start of the new school year**. After this date, the school physician/nurse practitioner reserves the legal right to perform a health appraisal of students for whom we have not received one. School physicals cannot be used for out of school or community activities, such as Little League or Summer Camp.

Near and Distance Vision screenings will be done by School Nurse for New Entrants, Pre K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11th graders when not documented on health appraisal.

Hearing screenings will be done by School Nurse for New Entrants, Pre K or K, 1,3,5,7 and 11th graders when not documented or reported as pass/fail. Hearing screenings from outside providers must be reported in the 20-25 dB range.

Regular dental care by the family dentist is recommended for all students. Preventive dental care through fluoride treatment and sealant can prevent a large percentage of dental decay. Per NYS Education Law#903 etc. All students enrolling in school, or entering grades K, 1, 3,5,7,9,11 are requested to present a dental health certificate; such dental health certificates must contain a report of a comprehensive dental examination performed on such child.

It is the policy of the District to ask parents to keep their children home from school if they show signs of illness or other infections. If a child has had a fever, he/she should remain at home until the temperature has been normal for at least 24 hours without medication. When a child is absent for 2-3 consecutive days, please notify your individual school Attendance Office.

Due to the size of the District and the large number of students, transportation for ill students cannot be provided. Therefore, it is necessary that you provide us with the name and phone number of an adult who will care for your child in your absence. Please feel free to call us if we can be of assistance.

All health forms, including the authorization for the administration of medicine at school may be downloaded from the District's website at www.wcsdk12.org . Click District, then Health Services. Please take a moment to become familiar with the Districts health program procedures:

SCOLIOSIS

NYS Education Law requires that girls be screened in 5th and 7th grade, while boys are screened in 9th grade for scoliosis to identify children with possible lateral curvature of the spine (scoliosis). If your child has not had this screening as part of his/her annual physical examinations or it is not documented, the nurse practitioner or registered nurse does the screening. If your child has a possible problem, you will be contacted promptly: otherwise, you will not hear from us. If you have your physician do the screening, please have it noted on the report.

IMMUNIZATIONS

NYS Public Health Law requires that all children be fully immunized. For the **2020-2021 School Year** the requirements for school entrance/attendance are as follows:

	Pre-K	Kgn-5	Gr 6-12	
MMR	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	
Hep B	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	
Hib	1-4 doses	N/A	N/A	
PCV	1-4 doses	N/A	N/A	
Tdap	N/A	N/A	1 dose (min age 10)	
	Pre-K	**Kgn-5**	**Gr.6-11**	**Gr. 12**
DTap/DTP/Tdap	4 doses	4-5 doses	3-5 doses	3-5 doses
IPV/OPV	3 doses	4 doses	3-4 doses	3-4 doses
Meningococcal	N/A	N/A	1 dose	2 doses
			By Gr 7 (min age 10)	By Gr 12(min age 16)
Varicella	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 dose

Immunizations are available from your family physician and free clinics sponsored by the Orange County Health Department. Children who do not have the required immunizations will be excluded from school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXCUSES

State Education Law requires that all children take part in physical education unless a health problem makes this inadvisable. A note from a physician, to be renewed yearly, is necessary for a child to be excused from this requirement. Written parental requests will be honored for one or two class sessions, but periodic or repeated excuses require medical validation in the interest of the pupil's health.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Under certain circumstances, when it is necessary for a child to take medication during school hours, the nurse will cooperate with the family physician and the parents. Please submit the medication in school form found on the district website completed by your family physician in which indicates the name, frequency, dosage and duration of a prescribed medication along with your parental signature. The school nurse may then administer the medication during school hours. This note **must be renewed each year** at the beginning of the school year. All medication taken in school must come to the Health Office in its original container and will be taken under the nurse's supervision. The medication must be delivered to the nurse by the parent/guardian.

Internet Resource: New York Statewide School Health Service Center www.nyschoolhealthservicesny.com

HEALTH OFFICE	TELEPHONE	FAX NUMBER
Round Hill Elementary	497-4000 X25531	497-4082
Little Britain Elementary	497-4000 X23531	497-4003
Taft Elementary	497-4000 X22531	497-4085
Middle School	497-4000 X21532	497-4037
High School	497-4000 X24532	497-4034