

### **Health Program**

Parents/guardians should contact the Pre-K site office, early learning coordinator or school nurse about new or ongoing health problems, including allergies, medications, and communicable illnesses.

### **Immunizations**

All Pre-K students, kindergarten students and students new to the Verona Area School District must present written evidence of immunization against certain diseases. Parents/guardians are asked to submit this information within 15 days of the first day of school. Immunization forms are available in the Pre-K office. The district is required to submit to the office of the district attorney the names of parents/guardians who have not complied with mandatory immunization laws within 30 days of starting school.

### **Injuries**

Our staff will attempt to call a parent/guardian of any child who sustains a significant injury while at school. Emergency aid will be rendered as is deemed appropriate and necessary. To help ensure immediate and appropriate response and communication, parents/guardians are asked to provide and update emergency contact information. The school office should be notified of any changes to contact information.

### **Life Threatening Allergy Policy (VASD) - Pre-K Sites will be implementing VASD policy.**

*Policy: Modify the school environment to minimize as many life threatening allergens as possible and to provide a safe learning environment.*

Procedure:

- Classroom environments (including projects, experiments, incentives, snacks, etc.) will be modified to reduce potential exposure to allergens.
- Hand washing with soap and water OR hand wipes after meals and snacks will be encouraged. Hand sanitizers do not remove allergen proteins.
- Designated staff will be trained to recognize signs and symptoms of allergic reactions and anaphylaxis.
- Designated staff will be trained in the use of epinephrine auto injectors in case a child or a staff member should have a severe reaction.
- Parents/guardians will provide school with their child's health information, any needed medications, and an emergency care plan.
- A life-threatening allergen free table will be available in lunchrooms if appropriate/requested.
- If there is food distribution, including bake sales held on school grounds, consideration should be given to students with life-threatening allergies.
- Peanut/tree nut free snack lists will be available at the beginning of each school year and as needed. Food companies often change manufacturing processes. Always check labels for allergen information.
- All district allergen policies also apply to field trip meals.

Please contact your school nurse if you would like a copy of the complete district policy on Life Threatening Allergies.

### **Medications**

Over-the-counter drugs such as pain relievers and cough drops may be administered upon receipt of a completed "Parent/Guardian Medication or Procedure Consent Form." These medications must be in the original bottle, tube, or container with the student's name, dosage and administration time on the container.

The following forms are required before we can administer a physician-prescribed medication:

1. "Parent/Guardian Medication or Procedure Consent Form"
2. Medication in the original bottle, tube, etc., with child's name on it, name of the drug and dosage, time and quantity to be given, physician's name, duration of treatment, and pharmacy name with prescription number

A copy of these forms may be found at your Verona Area Pre-K site.

All prescription and non-prescription medications and forms must be turned into your child's teacher.

The most frequently prescribed medications handled in school are short-term antibiotics given for things such as ear infections or strep throat. It may be worthwhile to check with your doctor to see if these types of medication can be given outside of the school day, thereby eliminating the need to send medicine to school.