



## School Nurse

### Smyrna High School

Dear Parents or Guardians,

On behalf of our nursing team at Smyrna High School, we welcome you to the 2022/2023 school year! Please know that the safety of your student is and will remain our top priority. As your school nurses, we want to remind you of the importance of getting your students vaccinated and current on their vaccines before they return back to school. Vaccines are the best way you can protect your student from a number of serious infections, especially during this time.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with our families and students to ensure safety and academic achievement. Our shared responsibility for your student's success will be guided by the following guidelines in our nursing office:

**Medications:** State Board of Education policy requires a note for the administration of medication by the school nurse. Only a school nurse is permitted to administer medication during school hours. Medications prescribed by a doctor must be sent in the original container with proper labeling along with a note from the parent stating that it is to be administered at school. In addition, controlled medication must be brought in by an adult and handed to the nurse with the exact count of pills in the container.

**Emergency Card:** Emergency/Treatment cards will be provided to you. Please make every effort to return the completed Delaware Emergency Treatment Card to school the first week of school but no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>. One purpose of this form is to assist the nurse and other school personnel in reaching parents/guardians should a medical emergency arise. In the absence of this form, the school may not be able to provide a full or immediate treatment. During the course of the school year, should this information change, please notify the main office so we can update your student's card.

**Ninth Grade Health Requirement:** According to Delaware laws and regulation, all students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade must have a current health examination on file. The health examination must be done within 2 years of entry into 9<sup>th</sup> grade. We encourage these health forms be submitted 30 days from the start of school. Entering 9<sup>th</sup> graders must additionally have 1 dose Tdap (adult booster) and 1 dose meningococcal.

**Guidelines for Early Dismissal for School:** All students MUST come to the Nurse's Office and be assessed by the school nurse PRIOR to a parent being called to pick up a student. No student may use cell phone, e-mail, or text message to contact a parent to request that they be picked up. The phone call must be initiated by the school nurse or the absence will be considered unexcused.

We feel privileged to be part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to serving you in the 2022/2023 school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the 302-653-3137. If you are in need of medical services, our school has a Wellness Center available on site to complete physicals and some immunizations upon registering for students who may qualify for the vaccines.

Respectfully yours,

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