

HEALTH INFORMATION

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Public schools are expected to promote the physical health of pupils, to keep them safe from injury while in school, and to instill good habits of mental health and hygiene. It is therefore the duty of all staff members to see that the school environment is such as to encourage a wholesome growth in body and mind.

SCHOOL NURSE INJURIES AND ILLNESS

School nurses are available in the West Fargo school system on a part time basis. They make regularly scheduled visits to each building. They will assess students related to accidents, injuries or illness. They will contact parents as appropriate. When students become ill at school, they will be taken to the nurse's office. Parents will be notified and required to remove their child if deemed necessary. If you are unable to come to the school to pick up your sick child, please make arrangements for another adult to pick up your child as soon as possible. Please do not ask the school to allow a sick child to walk home, as we are concerned for their safety and welfare. Please do not send the child to school to be assessed by the nurse. If your child has an elevated temperature, rash, diarrhea or is vomiting at home **DO NOT** send to school.

Children with the following symptoms should not be sent to school and/or school activities:

- Thermometer indicates a temperature of 100 degrees or more
- Undiagnosed rash or sores
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Contagious infection diagnosed by health care provider

Students may not return to school until:

- Their temperature has remained below 100 degrees for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol, etc.
- There has been no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours without the use of OTC medications.
- When a student has been diagnosed with a contagious infection and was given a prescription medication, the student may not return to school until they have taken the medication a full 24 hours and their temperature has remained below 100 degrees for 24 hours.



The statements in this document are intended to provide guidance for daily procedures and practices in order to maintain order, efficiency, and continuity amongst our schools.

ACCIDENTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

In the event of an accident on the school premises, specific school personnel are equipped to render first aid. In the event of a more serious accident, parents will be notified and asked to seek medical attention for their child. If parents cannot be located then an attempt to reach the emergency contact will be made. If unable to locate the parent or emergency contact then, if appropriate, the student will be monitored or if necessary 911 will be called. The West Fargo School District **does not** provide health or dental insurance coverage of benefit payments for students. Costs incurred for medical, dental or hospital services due to the injury sustained by the student while on school property and /or during school functions are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

HEAD LICE

The West Fargo School District adopted a **No Nits Policy** when dealing with students with head lice. Students with nits or head lice will be removed from other children. The child's parent will be required to remove the child from school immediately and will be given written information on the proper treatment of head lice. Students will be re-admitted to school only if there are no nits and the school nurse has judged the treatment effective. Routine classroom screening will not be done and notification letters will be sent as appropriate.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019-20 YEAR

Vaccine Type	Number of Required doses			
	Kindergarten-Grade 6	Grades 7-10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Dtap/DTP/DT/Tdap/Td	5	5	5	5
Hepatitis B	3	3	3	3
IPV/OPV	4	4	4	4
MMR	2	2	2	2
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2	2	2	1
Meningococcal	0	1	2	2
Tdap	0	1	1	1

North Dakota Century Code 33-06-05-01 requires any child admitted to school be required to receive the immunizations according to the recommended schedule set forth by the state department of health. Any child not adhering to the recommended schedule must provide proof of immunization or a certificate of immunization within 30 days of enrollment or be excluded from school or early childhood facility.



In the case of a child receiving home-based instruction, the child's parent or legal guardian shall file the certification with the public school district in which the child resides. **Students who are not vaccinated may be excluded from educational or extracurricular activities if there is a threat to their safety due to an exposure.** Additional note, in case of a disease epidemic, inadequately immunized children or children with an exemption form on file would not be able to attend school until there is no longer any danger of further spread of the disease in question.

MANDATORY REPORTING OF (VARICELLA) CHICKENPOX

North Dakota Administrative Code 33-06-01-01, states that chickenpox is a mandatory reportable condition in North Dakota. Schools are required to report to the North Dakota Department of Health, the name of any student who is absent from school due to chickenpox.

MEDICATION DISPENSING TO STUDENTS

The West Fargo Public School District has established a **new** revised program for providing medication to students during the school day and when students are otherwise under the district's direct supervision. (i.e. participating in a school activity or on a school sponsored trip). The revisions were made to enhance the safety for all students. In order to have medications given at school, the requirements of the applicable medication policy need to be satisfied. In addition, parents or guardians must make arrangements with the building principal for students who will require medication off campus while under the district's supervision prior to the activity or event. If the prescribed medication pertains to North Dakota Century Code 15.1-19-16, Asthma Anaphylaxis Self administration of Medication by Student –Liability the student may self-carry. Forms are available on the WFPS website under the Families tab.

Procedure for administering medications to students

Prescription medications need the following to be given at school:

- The form called "Prescription or Over the Counter (OTC) Authorization for Medication Administration" must be signed by parent/guardian **AND** the licensed health care provider.
- Medication in the original pharmacy labeled prescription bottle.

Over the counter medications need the following to be given at school:

- The form called "Prescription or over the Counter (OTC) Authorization for Medication Administration" must be signed by the Parent/guardian. Note the licensed health care provider signature is **ONLY** necessary if the dose is not the manufacturer's recommended dosage as listed on the container.
- Medication in the original container.



Self-Carry Medications need the following to be used at school:

- The form called “Request and Authorization for Student Self-Administration of Medication” must be signed by the parent/guardian AND licensed health care provider for Prescription Medication. For Over the Counter (OTC) medication a Parent and Student signature is the only requirement **unless** the dose is above the recommended dosage as listed on the original container.
- Students can routinely bring or take the medications home.
- For any controlled medication the student self-administer **ONLY** 2 or 3 pills can be in the possession of the student at one time.

Stock Acetaminophen (Tylenol) is available ONLY for grades 1 to 12. If your student needs acetaminophen, then the following is needed for it to be given at the school:

- The form called “Prescription or Over the Counter (OTC) Authorization for Medication Administration” must be signed by the parent/guardian or verbal permission from the parent/guardian.
- School will only give the manufacturer’s recommended dosage to the student.

Additional guidelines related to medication administration:

- Medication forms need to be updated every year.
- Medication forms also need to be updated when the student has a medication dosage change or the time for administration has changed.
- The school prefers the parent/guardian to deliver the medication to the school **NOT** the student. This is for the safety of all students.
- Medication will **NOT** be sent home with the student but **ONLY** with the parent/guardian.
- If medications are not picked up by the parent within one week after school dismissal it will be destroyed.
- Do **NOT** send any medications on the bus with your child.

