

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEALTH SERVICES

Dear Parents,

The following guidelines have been established to provide the best possible health oriented environment for the students in the Van Buren School District.

Immunization Requirements

All Students Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

4 DTaP Vaccines, 3 Polio Vaccines, 2 MMR Vaccines, *2 Varicella Vaccines*, 3 Hepatitis B Vaccines

In Addition, the following vaccines are required:

1 Hep A: Enrolling Kindergarten and any First grader who did not get it in Kindergarten.

1 Tdap: **Every student** age 11 and older.

MCV4: 7th grade **and** age 16 (kids who have already had 1 will have to have a 2nd dose at age 16)

Also, please note that No history of disease will be accepted for Varicella unless documented by MD, DO, PA, APN

Head Lice: Our district expects that all students will be lice free to attend school. You will be notified by phone or in writing if lice are found. Your child may return to school as soon as he/she is free of lice.

Medication: In order for your child to take medication at school it must be brought to the office by a parent or guardian and a permission form signed. Permission forms are available in the school office and on the Van Buren School District web site. **MEDICATION BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BY A STUDENT WILL BE CONFISCATED AND WILL NOT BE ADMINISTERED. Transportation of medications via school buses is strictly prohibited.** The exception is self-carry emergency medications which are limited to asthma inhaler, epinephrine, and/or insulin. All medication must be in the original bottle. Prescription medications must also be properly labeled with the child's name, doctor's name, current date, and dosage. **We will not accept any over-the-counter medication without a doctor's note. Our medication guidelines are strictly enforced.**

Vision and Hearing Screenings are done as required by Arkansas state law. Parents will be notified in writing if further examination by a doctor is indicated.

Scoliosis (curvature of the spine) screenings are done as required by Arkansas state law. Students are exempt from this screening only for religious reasons and written notification must be received from a parent prior to screening.

BMI (Body Mass Index) screenings are required by the state of Arkansas and are conducted annually. Students are exempt from this screening only if written notification from a parent received prior to screening. Results are available upon request at the end of each school year.

Growing-up Films are shown to fifth grade boys and fourth grade girls. Parents are notified of dates and cordially invited to watch the film with your child.

Fever: If your child has an above normal temperature you will be notified to pick him/her up. In order to minimize the spread of illnesses, we ask that your child be free of fever for twenty-four hours before returning to school.

Random Drug Testing: All 9th through 12th grade Students who drive a vehicle to school and/or participate in extracurricular activities including sports, clubs, and organizations are subject to random drug testing.

Health Services has a web page on the Van Buren School District web site. We have made some forms available online for your convenience. The web site is: www.vbsd.us. Your child is special and our communication with parents is necessary to assure the best possible learning environment during the school year.

Health Services
Van Buren School District

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