

**WELLSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

With the advent of the new school year, the school nurses are anxious to develop a cooperative, “healthy” rapport with students and their parents/guardians. We invite you to call the health office at your child’s school with any questions or concerns you have. Perhaps the following will answer some of your questions:

MEDICATION: According to New York State law, students are not permitted to take medication including ibuprofen and Tylenol at school without written directions from a doctor. If it is necessary for your child to take medication while at school, the school nurse must have a written order from your child’s doctor and written permission from you. (Please see the school website for our form.) **MEDICATION MUST BE DELIVERED TO SCHOOL BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN, AND MAY NOT BE SENT WITH THE CHILD. THE MEDICATION IS TO BE IN A PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE WITH CLEAR DIRECTIONS.**

INJURIES: Students must report ANY INJURY incurred during a school-sponsored activity to the school nurse. We prefer that even the most minor injury be shown to the nurse. The supplemental medical insurance provided by the school district is administered by the school nurse. If you have any questions about the coverage, please call the school nurse at the phone number listed below.

ILLNESS: If your child is visibly ill or has a fever over 100° F, please keep him/her at home and consider an evaluation by your child’s health care provider.

CONTINUITY: We strongly urge if your child sees a doctor for eyes, ears, teeth, or any other medical need, that you let the school nurse responsible for your child’s health needs know. In this way, we can be better prepared to care for your child’s physical needs in school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS: Students entering Grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and **ALL NEW STUDENTS, TRANSFER STUDENTS** and those participating in **SCHOOL SPORTS, ARE REQUIRED BY NEW YORK STATE LAW** to have a physical examination during the school year. We encourage all our families to schedule their child’s physical with his/her primary healthcare provider each year. The required physical exam can be offered at school if there are extenuating circumstances. Please contact your school nurse, if needed. The required NYS School Health Examination Form is available in each school’s Health Office and will be provided at your request, or you may access it on the school’s website at <http://www.wellsvilleschools.org/domain/91>.

DENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES: As part of your child’s requirements for school, a physical examination has been required for new students, as well as students in Prekindergarten or Kindergarten and in Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. A law was recently enacted that expands health screenings to include the **dental health** of students in New York State. The Dental Health Certificate is available on the school’s website at <http://www.wellsvilleschools.org/domain/91>.

Again, we invite your questions and look forward to a healthy and enjoyable school year.

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