

HEALTH SERVICES

Health services are available in every building, staffed by health care professionals. These individuals provide first aid care, administer prescribed medication to a student in accordance with the written directions of a licensed prescriber, and monitor the health, safety and immunization status of all of our students.

In compliance with the Pennsylvania School Health Code, the Plum Borough School District mandates the following schedule of examinations:

<i>Physical Examination</i>	<i>- Grades K, 6 and 11</i>
Dental Examination	- Grades K, 3 and 7
Vision Screening	- Annually, All Grades
Hearing Screening	- Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7 and 11
Scoliosis Screening	- Grades 6 and 7
Height, Weight and Body Mass Index	- Annually, all grades

School Nurses perform the mandated exams as above, except for the Physical and Dental Exams. However, Physical, Dental, and Scoliosis examinations may be done by your own health care provider or by the School Doctor / Dentist. Families are encouraged to establish a relationship with a private health care provider to assure continuity of treatment that is not possible in school exams. This is a lesson, which if learned, will pay dividends in adult life. Private exam forms will be sent home with students or can be downloaded from the district web site under District, then Nursing Services. The forms can be completed based on any exam done within one year of the beginning of the grade in which they are due or by January 15th of the current school year in which they are due.

Preference forms will be sent to determine if a private exam will be submitted, or if a school exam is desired. Failure to return the signed preference form implies consent for a school exam. Any parent who chooses to have a private exam, but does not submit the completed form by January 15th of the year in which the exam is due, also gives implied consent for a school exam to be done. Mandated School Exams are held in the Nurse's Office, and will be completed anytime after January 15th of the school year. A parent/guardian who wishes to attend the exam with his/her child may select that option on the preference form, and they will be notified of the date & time of the examination.

Students may be exempted from any of the above examinations or screenings if it is contrary to the parent's religious beliefs **and** the parent submits written notification to the school nurse. A student who presents a statement signed by the

parent/guardian that a medical examination is contrary to his/her religious beliefs shall be examined only when the Secretary of health determines that the student presents a substantial menace to the health of others.

FIRST AID

When accidents occur, first aid is administered. First aid is defined as the immediate, temporary care given in case of accident or sudden illness. Usually first aid is administered by one of the following school personnel: nurse, nurse's aide, and/or principal. Further decisions and actions concerning the accident are the responsibility of the parent. The parent completes an Emergency Care Form for each child authorizing the school as to who should be contacted in the event emergency care is needed. Parents should keep this card up-to-date and inform the school of changes of phone numbers or persons listed.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A Student Insurance Policy is available to each child for a nominal fee. This insurance covers medical, dental, and hospital expenses resulting from accidental injury that might occur during school hours and on the way to and from school.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS

Pennsylvania State Law governs the administration of all medications, including over-the-counter medications. The law forbids a nurse to administer any medication without a physician's or dentist's written order and signed permission by the parent or guardian. The Plum Borough School District recognizes that when students' health needs make it necessary for medication to be taken during school hours, certain procedures must be followed.

**Obtain from your School Nurse or Download from the District Website:
"Authorization for Medication to be Given at School" form.**

1. Written Physician or Dentist Order - Prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, nutritional supplements, or herbal supplements will not be administered without providing the school with a written order from a physician or dentist. The pharmacy label does not suffice as this written order.

2. Written Parent Permission - The school must be supplied with written parent or guardian permission in order to have any medications given at school.

**** If the order is for an **Inhaler or Epinephrine Injector**: parent must also complete and submit the corresponding forms:**

- ✓ Self-Administration of Asthma Inhalers ✓ Self-Administration- Epinephrine Injector.

✓ Student Asthma Action Plan
Allergy

✓ Information for Student w/ Severe

3. Types of Medications Given at School - Only essential prescribed medications will be given at school. Pre-planning will permit most medications to be administered at home. Self-medication by students is not permitted. Exceptions will be made for any student with asthma, whose physician has written that the student must carry and administer his or her inhaler.

4. Prescription Medications – For prescription medications required at school, please request that your pharmacist supply a separate, properly labeled, pharmacy medication bottle with a **safety cap**.

5. Over-the-Counter Medications - Medications must be in the manufacturer’s original packaging, and labeled by the parent with the student’s name.

6. Personnel Administering Medications - Medications may be administered by the nurse, or a supervising adult.

7. Transporting Medications - Students should not carry medications to or from school. A responsible adult should bring medications to the health room.

8. Yearly Medication Order - For those medications that extend from one school year to the next, a new order from the licensed prescriber and new parent permission must be provided for each school year.

9. Noncompliance with the Above Policy - Noncompliance will result in the medication not being given at school.

PLEASE REFER TO BOARD POLICY 210 FOR THE COMPLETE POLICY

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SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLING LEARNERS – Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTII)

What is RtII?

RtII is a comprehensive, multi-tiered approach to identifying and assisting struggling learners (either academic or behavioral). This approach is implemented across all grade levels for all students and its major purpose is to identify and address students experiencing learning or behavioral difficulties and prevent failure. RtII also assists in improving student achievement.

What are the core characteristics of RtII?

- All students receive high quality research-based instruction in the general

- education standards aligned system.
- All students are screened to determine academic and behavioral status against grade level benchmarks.
 - All staff (general education teachers, special education teachers, Title I, ESL) assume an active role in student's assessment and instruction in the standards-aligned system.
 - Continuous monitoring of student performance and use of this data is used to determine intervention effectiveness and drive instructional adjustments, and to identify/measure progress toward instructional and grade level goals.
 - Student progress is benchmarked throughout the year to determine level or progress toward monitoring and assessing the fidelity of intervention implementation.
 - Students receive increasingly intense levels of targeted scientifically, research-based interventions dependent on student needs.
 - Parents are informed of their child's needs and progress at regular intervals.

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Refer to policy 237 for additional information about acceptable uses of personal devices

Refer to policy 249 for information about cyberbullying

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SCHOOL VISITS

~~Parents are encouraged to visit the school to observe children in their school environment. When visiting a classroom, arrangements must be made in advance with the teacher. Active interest on the part of parents helps to establish and maintain a child's interest in school. The principal will be glad to discuss the school's program and services and assist in the solution of problems when they arise.~~

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REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS

Student grades are reported at the end of every nine-week period **for grades 1-6, and at the end of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grading periods for kindergarteners.**

Grades are reported as percentages with 100-90% being an "A", 89-80% being a "B", 79-70% being a "C", 69-60% being a "D", and anything less than 60% being an "E".

~~In kindergarten, there are three evaluation periods and one conference scheduled for the year.~~

~~OTIS-LENNON SCHOOL ABILITY TEST~~

~~This test measures the cognitive abilities that relate to a student's ability to learn in school. Specifically, it is designed to assess verbal and nonverbal reasoning. The Otis-Lennon School Ability Test is administered to all first, fourth, and sixth grade students.~~

REPLACE WITH:

TERRANOVA INVIEW

This test measures cognitive abilities that includes verbal reasoning, sequences, analogies, and quantitative reasoning. The results reliably measure skills and abilities important for academic success, help plan effective programs for students, diagnose possible learning disabilities, and screen students for placement into special programs. The TerraNova Inview will be administered to all 2nd and 4th graders.

PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

Students in grades 3-6 may be administered the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment in **English/Language Arts, Math, and Science** in accordance with directives from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. These tests are designed to measure student progress toward achievement of **the Pennsylvania Core Standards**. The results will not be used to grade students. Individual student reports, school, district, and state data may be obtained from these assessments. Information derived from these assessments helps to plan future school programs and curriculum development.

Notice to Students and Parents Regarding the Use of Video and Audio Equipment

Video and audio recording equipment may be installed on school buses to monitor school transportation. Buses will be videotaped with audio and recorded at random during the school year. Buses may be equipped with video monitor boxes, in which video-recording devices with audio may be installed. Students will not be notified when a recording device has been installed on their bus. The Transportation Supervisor, a principal or a representative of Plum Borough School District may review tapes on a routine basis, and evidence of student misconduct will be documented. Students found to be in violation of bus conduct rules shall be notified and disciplinary action will be initiated under the guidelines contained in the District's discipline procedures for District approved student transportation. Additionally, please be advised that the District has numerous videotaping cameras located throughout our premises for safety and security purposes and representatives of Plum Borough School District may review tapes on a routine basis. Parents, students and their representatives are not permitted to review recordings and all records are the property of the District.

Please refer to Policy 810.2