

School Health Services and Policy

Danville City Public Schools provides a staff of School Nurses/Medical Liaisons. School Nurses/Medical Liaisons are integral members of the educational team that assist children to develop their full potential. The School Nurses/Medical Liaisons provide quality health services to help keep children in school. These services are

1. Provide acute and emergency health care.
2. Partner with other health and education professionals to provide health screenings.
3. Plan and implement in-school care for students with chronic/ongoing illnesses.
4. Medication administration and assessment.
5. Healthcare counseling and education.
6. Review of students' cumulative health records for compliance with state mandates.
7. Facilitate student access to healthcare providers.
8. Provide a communication link between school, parents, and healthcare providers/community resources.
9. Compile data to monitor health information/trends.
10. Communicable disease control.
11. Promote health and safety.

If any school employee is exposed to or exposes other persons to body fluids in a manner, which may, according to the Centers for Disease Control, transmit blood-borne, pathogens, the person whose body fluids were involved in the exposure shall be deemed to have consented to testing for infection with HIV or Hepatitis B or C. If the person to be tested is a minor, consent shall be obtained from the parent or guardian.

Medication Policy

DPS encourages medication be administered at home, if possible. When medication is needed during school hours, the following procedures must be followed

- Prescription medication must be in the pharmacy-labeled container with the student's name and dosing instructions. There must also be a completed Medication Permission Form with doctor's orders and written parent permission. If the medication is not in the pharmacy labeled container, the Medication Permission form is incomplete or there is a discrepancy, medication cannot be given.
- Over-the-counter medications must be in a sealed, original-labeled container. The parent must complete a Medication Permission form with specific dosing instructions. OTC medications may not be given outside the manufacturer's label directions or on a routine basis without a doctor's order.
- Medications are usually kept in the school office/clinic and should be brought to school by an adult, not the child. If your child has a health condition and needs to carry medication, please contact the school or School Nurse/Medical Liaison for further instructions.

[Click here](#) to print a form to administer prescription drugs

[Click here](#) to print a form to administer non-prescription drugs

Reasons a Child Needs to Stay Home from School

- Your child has a contagious illness such as strep throat, chicken pox, or the flu.
- Your child has a fever of 100 or higher in the last 24 hours – Children should be fever-free for 24 hours, -without taking medication, before returning to school.
- Your child is vomiting or has diarrhea.
- Your child has live head lice, has not completed treatment for head lice or has nits.
- Your child has red/pink eyes or has drainage from the eyes.
- You are advised by your child's health care provider to keep your child home.

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school. Please maintain communication with the school, if the absence is for an extended period. If your child will be under a doctor's care upon returning to school, please notify the School Nurse/Medical Liaison prior to your child's return so that the school can plan to meet your child's needs.

Health Screenings

The following screenings are performed in conjunction with state mandates:

- Vision Grades 3, 7, 10
- Hearing Grades 3, 7, 10
- Height/Weight Grades 1-10
- Students who are new to Danville Public Schools are screened for vision and hearing. New students K-3 are screened for fine and gross motor function.
- Scoliosis
Scoliosis is a lateral spinal curve that can have adverse affects. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends scoliosis screening at routine health visits at ages 10, 12, 14 and 16 years of age. If you would like your student to be prescreened at school, contact your child's School Nurse/Medical Liaison.

Physical Examinations

The Code of Virginia requires that no pupil shall be admitted for the first time to any public kindergarten or elementary school unless such pupil shall furnish, prior to admission, a physical report from a qualified provider as prescribed by the State Health Commissioner. Contact your child's school if you have a question.

Immunizations

The Code of Virginia requires that proof of immunization be provided to the school as part of the admission requirements. If you have a question about immunizations, contact your child's School Nurse/Medical Liaison.

No child in Virginia should be without access to a primary health care provider. Virginia offers free or low cost health insurance for children. For more information, call FAMIS 1.866.873.2647.

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