

GEARY COUNTY USD 475
School Health Services

School health services are provided by a registered nurse or by school personnel under the direction of a registered nurse. Services include, but are not limited to, health education, emergency care, first aid, evaluation of illness, assistance with securing medical services, communicable disease control, monitoring chronic conditions, administering medication and vision and hearing screening.

It is recommended that parents/guardians screen their children for illness before they are sent to school. Questions regarding health status may be addressed to the school nurse.

Current phone numbers are needed at school so parents/emergency contacts can be called if their child is sick or injured. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation for injured or ill students.

SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENT (Physical Exam): Every student, age eight and under, entering a Kansas School for the first time, must present the results of a physical exam completed within 12 months of school entry or within 90 days of enrollment. Parents are encouraged to make appointments promptly.

IMMUNIZATIONS: The Kansas School Immunization Law requires that each student must have proof of age appropriate immunizations at the time of enrollment.

ILLNESS AND FIRST AID: First Aid will be given at school and parents will be informed as necessary. Students may be excluded from school if in the judgment of the school nurse they are suspected of having a communicable disease and/or have an illness or injury that significantly limits their participation in the classroom (Modifications will be made for special circumstances with a note from a doctor). Students should have no vomiting, diarrhea or fever (without medication) for twenty-four hours prior to attending school. Please contact the school if your child is ill and will not be at school.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Notes are not routinely sent home to inform parents when a student in a building is diagnosed with a communicable disease/health condition. Notification may be made in certain situations, i.e. student diagnosed with a Kansas Reportable Disease. A suspected or confirmed case of a Kansas Reportable Disease is reported to Kansas public health authorities pursuant to K.S.A. 65-118. A list of Reportable Diseases in Kansas may be viewed at:

http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/download/KANSAS_NOTIFIABLE_DISEASE_FORM.pdf.

SPECIAL HEALTH CONCERN: Inform the school nurse if your child has specific health problems such as diabetes, seizures, asthma, cerebral palsy, vision or hearing difficulties and/or if your child needs to have medication dispensed at school. The nurse, along with the family, will develop a plan of care. The nurse will inform appropriate faculty and staff of the plan. **If a student cannot fully participate in physical education or recess, a note from a doctor is needed. The note must say what the child cannot do, how long the child cannot participate fully and what type of activity the child can participate in. (Recommend using PE/Activity & Healthcare Provider Share Sheet)**

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MEDICATION: Medication prescribed by a health care provider will be administered at school with written permission from parent/guardian. Please refer to the USD #475 Medication Guidelines and Permission form.

SCREENINGS: The following screenings are conducted:

Vision: Students in Grades Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten,1,2,3,5,7,9 and 11 and new students annually. Students in special education as required.

Hearing: Students in Grades Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten,1,2,3,6,9 and 11 and new students annually. Students in special education as required.

Notify the school nurse in writing if you do not want your student to participate in these screenings.

DENTAL HEALTH: Preventive dental health education, which emphasizes brushing, flossing and good nutrition is encouraged. Oral health screening may be conducted if resources are available. Notify the school nurse in writing if you do not want your student to participate in this screening.

PERSONAL HYGEINE/HEALTH: The school needs your support in reinforcing good health habits learned in the classrooms. These include eating a good breakfast each morning, eating nutritious foods, daily physical activity, brushing and flossing teeth, bathing daily, using body deodorant when applicable and wearing clean clothes.

JUNCTION CITY YOUTH CLINIC (JCYC): This clinic serves the needs of youth ages 1-21. The clinic provides physical exams for day care, school, employment and sports. Additional services include, but are not limited to, treating minor illnesses, immunizations, family planning, counseling and referral services. The Clinic is located at 1018 W. 6th Street (785) 762-5022. .

SICKLE CELL: Kansas Law H.B. #2236 requires that you be informed that the nearest facilities that provide counseling and possible testing for sickle cell trait and sickle cell anemia are:

- *Geary Co. Primary Care Physicians (785) 238-4131
- *Junction City Youth Clinic (785) 762-5022
- *Geary County Health Department (785) 762-5788
- *Konza Prairie Comm. Health Center (785) 238-4711
- *Irwin Army Community Hospital (785) 239-DOCS