

SANTA FE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HEALTH INFORMATION LETTER

My name is Jodi Nash. I am the District's Lead Nurse. I would like to officially welcome all new students to the district and returning students back to school for the 2018-19 school year. I would like for you to review some of the health policies we have in place to help keep our children healthy and successful for the coming year. You will be asked to sign and acknowledge that you have read the following information. Your acknowledgement of this information acts as your notification of the yearly screenings which includes Hearing, Vision, Acanthosis Nigricans, and Scoliosis, which is done for 5th and 8th graders, immunization requirements, and the 5th grade 'Always Changing Talk' for girls and boys, which is done in April. If you do not want your child to participate in this talk, you will need to notify the nurse at the Kubacak campus **in writing**. If you do not want your child screened for any of the above state required screenings that are listed, then you must provide the district with the same screening results from your physician.

IMMUNIZATIONS: If you received a letter from Santa Fe ISD last spring or this summer indicating that your child needs immunizations for this school year, you must present a copy of these records to the Registrar or the Nurse during registration. Failure to provide appropriate immunization documentation will result in exclusion from school, as specified in the Santa Fe ISD Handbook. The Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students K-12 can be found on www.dshs.state.tx.us.

MEDICATIONS: All medications are to be kept in the clinic during the school day. Medications must be presented to the nurse in the original container with a doctor's order to be given at school. This applies to prescription medications, as well as over-the counter medications.

The exception to the above is if a student needs to keep an inhaler with them at all times. A prescription label must reflect the student's name for which the medication is prescribed. An "Asthma Action Plan" must be filled out by a parent and physician accompanied with the inhaler prescription, the purpose, dosage, administration times, and parent written authorization for self-administration. A student will not be allowed to carry an unlabeled inhaler. It is the responsibility of the parent to pick-up any medication at the end of the year. Medications are not kept from year to year.

FOOD ALLERGIES: If your child has a life-threatening food allergy, please contact the nurse at their campus! A "Food Allergy Action Plan" must be filled out by the parent and physician. If your child requires the use of an injectable Epinephrine, or an EpiPen, for use in the event of an emergency, a physician's order is required.

DIABETIC STUDENT: If your child is a Diabetic, we must have a "PLAN OF CARE" FROM THE PHYSICIAN THAT WILL INCLUDE DIRECTIONS FOR THE NURSING STAFF.

ILLNESS: Please keep your child home if they have any of the following conditions/symptoms including, but not limited to:

Temperature over 100°F
Rash other than Poison Ivy
Vomiting, or vomiting during the night
Diarrhea
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

If your child has any of the above symptoms or other signs of illness at school, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick him/her up in a timely manner to prevent the spread of contagious illnesses to other students. Children with fever may not return to school until they are **fever free without medication for 24 hours**. Please make sure that you update your phone numbers as they change throughout the year. This is very important if contact needs to be made at any time.

If there are any health issues you would like to discuss, please feel free to call or stop by your campus clinic. Important health information will be shared with parents throughout the year on the district web site.

Sincerely,

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