

HEALTH SERVICES

The school nurse is available from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He may be reached directly by calling the Health Office phone number (206-368-4176).

He provides routine screening checks for growth, vision, hearing, dental, and scoliosis. A symptom of a communicable illness or a health condition that may affect learning may also be detected at school. The nurse will consult the parent about these concerns, or he will request that the parent contact the student's health care provider for advice.

To promote wellness, the school nurse working with the classroom teacher, shares health knowledge with students. If a student has a health condition that requires an adjustment in the educational program, the school nurse assists in providing services.

Some families may qualify and benefit from medical and dental services available through a Public Health Clinic in the district. Contact the school nurse regarding this service.

THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN RETAINS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE FOR THE STUDENT.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

- Height, Weight and Vision Screening is provided for all grades.
- Hearing and Color Blind Testing are provided for Kindergarten students.
- Scoliosis Screening is provided for fifth grade students and new sixth grade students.
- Dental Screening is provided as scheduled by King County Department of Public Health.

ACCIDENTS AND ILLNESSES AT SCHOOL

The nurse maintains a health office where students get first aid and temporary sick care. The parent or "contact person" on the enrollment form is notified. If your child has a temperature, please do not send the child to school. **Parents should not request that students stay in at recess except in EXTREME circumstances.**

If no one is available to come for the student, we will use our best judgment on whether to call a doctor or to keep the student at school. The school staff will use their best judgment in determining if 911 emergency paramedics should be called.

It is very important to keep the school informed when there are any changes in who should be called in case of an illness or an emergency.

MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

The Shoreline School District medication policy is governed by Washington State Law and applies to all schools. Please try to schedule medicine so it can be taken at home. If the student must have medicine during school hours, please do the following to meet school law and safety needs for your child:

All medicine must be in its prescription bottle labeled with the child's name, drug name and dosage and instructions for time and amount to be given. Your pharmacist can give you labeled bottles for home and school.

The "Medication at School" form must be filled out and signed by a physician and signed by the parent. It will be kept with the medicine container at school. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY KIND OF MEDICINE, INCLUDING ASPIRIN, VITAMINS, AND COUGH DROPS IN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH BOX. Unidentified medicine and single pills cannot be given at school. Medicine must be given under the guidance of the nurse and following written instructions of parent and physician.

If you have any questions or need a "Medication at School" form, please contact the nurse's office.

HEAD LICE POLICY

A student found to have head lice will be sent home to be treated and will not be allowed back into the classroom until checked and cleared by the School Nurse. Shoreline has a "no nit" policy, which means that all eggs (nits) must be combed out of the student's hair before being allowed to return to class. The Briarcrest School nurse has treatment combs for loan to families.