

## Citrus County Public Schools' Health Services

### **Medication Policy**

The “trained and authorized” Citrus County Public Schools’ personnel will be authorized to assist the student(s) in the administration of prescription medication according to Florida Statute 1006.062 and Citrus County School Board Policies 5.62 and 5.621. Over the counter medication will be handled in the same manner as prescription medication and require a physician order. In accordance with FL H.B. 1037, Ch. 2023-39 a student may possess and use a medication to relieve headaches while on school property or at a school-sponsored event or activity without a physician’s note or prescription if the medication is regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use to treat headaches.

Medications should be administered at school only if it is necessary to give the medication during school hours. For example, medication given three times a day could be given before school, after school, and at bedtime.

All medications must be properly labeled from the pharmacy and in the original container. A separate **Authorization for Medication Form** signed by the parent/guardian and a **Physician’s Authorization for Medication Form** is required for **EACH** medication administered. New forms must be completed at the beginning of the school year or as soon as the medication is ordered by the authorized medical provider. The Florida Department of Health requires the prescription bottle to be the most recent prescription possible and be within the expiration date. An adult **MUST** bring medication to school.

Medicines and treatments considered outside medical protocols, such as FDA regulated, non-prescription herbal or “natural” treatments, caffeine pills, aloe for burns, and meat tenderizer for bee stings require a physician’s note. Any non-FDA regulated herbal or “natural” substances will not be given by authorized and trained school personnel during the school day.

Parents/legal guardians may be permitted to come to school and administer such substances to their student(s). Herbal medication prescriptions may be accepted by a Doctor of Oriental Medicine that has a valid license issued by the state of Florida Board of Acupuncture and require a Student Authorization for Over-The-Counter Medication” form be completed and signed by the parent/guardian **and** the Doctor of Oriental Medicine.

Students shall not carry medications including cough medication, eye drops, cough drops, etc. Florida Statute 1002.20 provides that students may carry a metered dose inhaler, epinephrine auto-injectors, diabetic supplies and equipment, and pancreatic enzyme supplement at school **with** the permission of the authorized medical provider and parent(s)/legal guardian(s). A **Student Authorization to Carry Medication Form** must be completed and signed by both the authorized medical provider and the parent(s)/legal guardian(s). The metered dose inhaler, epinephrine auto-injector, diabetic supplies and equipment, or pancreatic enzyme supplement must be labeled with the student's name.

In accordance with FL H.B. 1037 Ch. 2023-39, section 2, a student may possess and use a medication to relieve headaches while on school property or at a school sponsored event or activity without a physician's note or prescription if the medication is regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use to treat headaches. The product must be in the original storage container with the intact original label produced by the product manufacturer.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to pick up student medications if the medication becomes expired, at the end of the school year, and if a medication has been discontinued. Leftover medications will be disposed of under the direction of the school nurse within one day of the last day of school.

Citrus County Schools Medication Authorization Forms are available in each school's health clinic or online at [www.citruschools.org](http://www.citruschools.org) under **PARENTS** tab listed under **School Health Services**.

## State of Florida Immunization Requirement Guidelines

Parents are required to provide the school with an immunization record. These immunizations are required by Statute 1003.22. A student can and will be excluded from school if immunization requirements are not met.

State of Florida Immunization Requirement Guidelines	
Pre-Kindergarten (PK)	4 DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) 3 Polio 4 Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) 3 Hepatitis B 1 Varicella+ (chicken pox)
Kindergarten (KG) – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4 or 5 DTP/DTaP* 4 or 5 Polio** 2 MMR 3 Hepatitis B 2 Varicella+ for KG – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4 or 5 DTP/DTaP* 4 or 5 Polio** 2 MMR 3 Hepatitis B 1 Tdap 2 Varicella+ for 7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<p>*For kindergarten entry, if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose of DTAP was administered at age four or older, the fifth dose of DTAP is not required.</p> <p>**For kindergarten entry, if the fourth dose of polio was administered before the fourth birthday, a fifth dose of polio is required.</p> <p>+Varicella vaccination is not required if varicella disease is documented by a healthcare provider.</p>	
<p>For more information or to schedule an appointment for vaccinations contact your primary healthcare provider or the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County:</p> <p><b>CITRUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b> <b>(Appointment line 352-527-0068)</b></p> <p>3700 W. Sovereign Path Lecanto, FL 34461 Phone: 527-0068</p> <p>Visit <a href="http://www.immunizeflorida.org">www.immunizeflorida.org</a> for additional information and resources.</p>	

# Registration Requirements

Registration Requirements Parent(s) and/o legal guardian(s) of all children entering Citrus County Public Schools for the first time are required to have the following items to register:

- Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Immunization (DH 680, Religious Exemption form from Department of Health)
- Physical Examination (completed within 1 year of entry date)
- Proof of Florida Residency
- A Social Security Card is requested, but not required.

## Physicals

Students who enter Florida public schools in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time, shall present evidence of a health examination (physical) within the twelve (12) month period prior to their initial entrance.

The health examination shall be completed by a health professional who is licensed in Florida or in the state where the examination was performed. The physical examination should be documented on a **DH Form 3040** which can be found on the Citrus County School District website under Health Services.

A transfer student shall provide documentation of school entry health examination prior to school attendance.

## Immunizations

Students who initially enroll in the Citrus County School District shall be required to have on file with the immunization registry a certification of immunization (Form 680 or Religious Exemption Certificate from Department of Health-FL) prior to admittance or attendance as required by Florida Statute. Any student who is excluded from participation in the immunization registry must present or have on file with the school such certification of immunization.