USD 327 School Health Screenings, Policies, and Health Office Information

Some of our basic policies include:

1. **Immunizations**: Kansas statutes related to school immunizations are in place to define immunizations that are required for school entry.

2. **Health Assessment**: Kansas state law KSA 72-5214 requires that all pupils under the age of 9 entering a Kansas school for the first time MUST present the results of a basic health assessment done by an approved health care provider PRIOR to admission and attendance in school. Your family physician or the local county health department can do this for you. The health assessment must have been conducted within the previous twelve (12) months.

3. **Head Lice**: If your child is found to have LIVE lice, they will be sent home and be allowed to return to school once we have been notified that treatment with an anti-parasitic shampoo has been initiated. The student will then be checked by the RN or designee periodically for the next 7-14 days to ensure that the lice have been eliminated.

4. **Medications**: (Please refer to attached policy for Medication Administration in the School Setting for more details)
   a. Over the Counter (OTC) medications may be given at school, per USD 327 policies, as needed. An OTC consent form must be filled out and signed by the parent or legal guardian and the medication brought to the school office by the parent/legal guardian.
   b. Prescription medications may be given at school, per USD 327 policies, as ordered. A consent form must be filled out and signed by the ordering provider/physician and signed by the parent or legal guardian prior to any medication able to be given to the student. This is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to obtain from their physician/provider. The medication MUST be brought to the school office by the parent/legal guardian.

5. **Illnesses**: If your child is ill, please keep him/her home. USD 327 policy states that a child should not attend school if he/she has:
   a. Fever in the past 24 hours
   b. Vomiting in the past 24 hours
   c. Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
   d. Chills
   e. Sore throat
   f. Strep throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours and be fever free x 24 hours before returning to school)
   g. Bad cold, with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if the child has been awake at night.
If your child becomes ill at school and is too sick to benefit from school or is possibly contagious, a parent/guardian will be called to pick up the child from school.

6. Food Allergies: Any student with a food allergy will need a healthcare provider to complete a meal modification form before the student’s meal can be altered at school. Please consult with the RN with any questions.

7. Communicable Diseases: Please consult with the school RN in regards to any contagious illnesses you have questions about.

Health screenings at USD 327 include:

1. **Vision:** A basic vision screen each school year grades K-1-2-3-4-5-7-9-11 including students new to the districts and/or with any known problems or educational plans in place, and driver’s ed students in the spring.

2. **Hearing:** A hearing test each year by Central Kansas Cooperative in Education – grades K-1-2-3-5-7-10 and new students. (and/or with any known problems or educational plans in place.)

3. **Heights and weights:** Every fall and spring

4. **Dental:** Done by Salina Family Dentistry - Yearly on all students.

You may opt out of any of these screenings at your request. There is no charge for these.

To support the dental screening program there is an optional fluoride application that requires insurance information for billing purposes. Most insurances allow two to four fluoride treatments per year. **If you receive a bill for this service, contact Salina Family Dental at (785) 826-9017 and they will take care of it for you.**

**OTHER HEALTH ACTIVITIES – PROGRAMS WITH THE SCHOOL NURSE:**

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Twice per year at High School for students 16 and older. (Adults also welcome to donate.) Scholarships for High School Student available.

Basic First Aid and Communication with 911 dispatcher: Grade 5

Basic First Aid / Mock 911 call / Hands Only CPR and AED basics: Grade 6

Basic Hygiene/Puberty: 4th grade. Focus is on hygiene for boys and hygiene and puberty needs as our bodies begin to change for girls.

Human Sexuality: 5th and 6th grade. Reinforcement of hygiene as we start puberty and introduction to our reproductive health.
Human Sexuality: 7th grade. Next level of reproductive health, focusing on communication.

Human Sexuality: 8th grade: Human sexuality – ongoing education of human reproductive system and related diseases, focus on abstinence and resources.

Dental Health: 3rd grade. Local dentist talks with students about dental care and health.

Basic First Aid and Communication with 911 dispatchers: 5th grade

Basic First Aid/Mock 911 Call/Hands Only CPR and AED basic introduction: 6th grade

Immunization Clinics: Ellsworth County Health Department brings a vaccine clinic to your child’s school to get them caught up on required immunizations and influenza immunizations. Dates to be determined yearly. Grades K-12

Hands Only CPR / Stop the Bleed: Ellsworth County EMS / ECMC provide incoming freshmen and new students with an hour long course.