

## **Health Policy**

Limited health services are available at school. Please do not bring sick children to school.

Office staff and volunteers occasionally supervise and assist students with health care needs. Please note that it is the parents' responsibility to notify the office if a child has been injured at home and may need special considerations at school. Keep school records up to date; especially phone numbers and emergency contact! Immunization records must be current for students to remain in school.

Thompson School District policy requires that no medication, prescription, or over-the-counter medication (including aspirin, cough drops, vitamins, etc.), shall be given to a student by any school personnel except on written orders of the parents and the physician or dentist. Students may not self-medicate at the school. When medication is to be given at school, physician or dentist instructions are required to accompany the medication. All medications must be in the original pharmacy-labeled container including the student's name, name of drug, dosage, name of physician, and current date. Medical Request Forms are available at LCS' Health Office.

Parents will be informed when a student has been injured seriously. If a parent cannot be reached, school personnel will determine what action needs to be taken. Any child with a fever of 100 or above will not be allowed to remain in the classroom. If a head injury is sustained, the parent will be contacted. In case of more serious injuries, or if the parent cannot be contacted, the school will immediately call 911 for emergency assistance.

In compliance with state law, all children in Colorado schools must have complete up-to-date immunization record on file in the LCS office. This record includes proper shots for measles, rubella, diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (DPT), and polio, or a parent-signed personal exemption from such immunizations for personal, religious or medical reasons. (See C.R.S. 25-4-903 (4)).

### **Health-Threatening Allergy Policy**

The school administration, in consultation with the school nurse, will be responsible for notifying classroom teachers, classroom associates, and parents of students in classrooms where one or more students have a life-threatening allergy. (The allergy must be clearly documented by the primary care physician or a board certified allergist.) Notification will include an explanation of the severity of the health threat, a description of signs and symptoms to be aware of and a concise list of foods and materials to avoid. Parents, in consultation with their primary care provider/allergist, will provide the list of allergens to be avoided.

We are requesting that parents/student avoid including nuts and nut products in lunches and snacks in grades K-12. No homemade food or treats, to be shared with students, will be brought into our schools either by parents or staff. All treats to shared use must be commercially

prepared and packaged for distribution with intact ingredient labels. Treats may be distributed by the classroom teacher for special occasions, such as birthdays or holiday parties. Classrooms with students who have life threatening allergies may have more specific guidelines depending on the type(s) of allergy. Food preparation will only be allowed in academic curriculum with the principal's and health care professional's pre-approval. An exception will be made for food preparation as related to the Individual Education Plan of individual student's goals served in special education in K-12 grades. Precautions will be taken for students with life threatening allergies. Peanut butter jars should not be used for storage of manipulatives, even if the jars have been thoroughly washed. Classroom pets are allowed provided that nut-free foods and bedding are used. Visiting pets are prohibited in our schools. An exception will be made for service animals and approved classroom curriculum units involving animals as a part of a lesson or lessons.

### **Lice Policy**

In line with Thompson School District (R2-J), the primary transmission of head lice from one person to another is by direct contact with the head of an infested person. They may in some cases be transmitted by indirect contact or by combs, hairbrushes, clothing, hats and bedding.

Lice do not hop or fly. In-school transmission of head lice is rare.

1. Prior to re-entry into school, check scalp and hair again for nits and live lice. If only nits are found, encourage parent to continue nit removal process at home until gone but allow re-entry. Recheck student again in 7-10 days.
2. If live lice are found, student must remain out of school until treated and no live insects are found. Referral to a healthcare provider is indicated if parent reports treatment has already occurred, yet insects continue to exist.

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