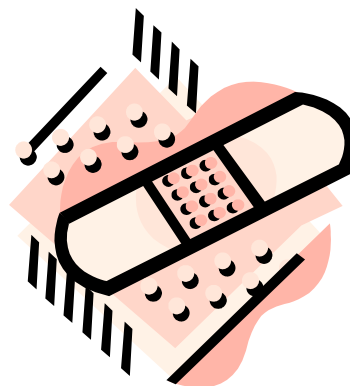


STUDENT HEALTH HANDBOOK



**LIVINGSTON PARISH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

LIVINGSTON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH RULES

The following guidelines are offered to help you determine when your child should not attend. You should also consider carefully a child's statement of feeling ill.

- ❖ **Diarrhea/vomiting**--A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting will not be allowed at school. He/She must be vomit and/or diarrhea free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- ❖ **Fever**--A child must be fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication (Tylenol, Motrin, Advil) before returning to school.
- ❖ **Cold/Flu**-- Children with severe colds, sore throats, cough or "flu like symptoms" will not be allowed to stay at school. They should stay home for rest and proper attention to their symptoms.
- ❖ **Pink eye**--Symptoms of pink eye such as eye drainage, crusty eyelids, redness, swelling, and itching may indicate a contagious disease. Children with these symptoms will be sent home and should be seen by a doctor. A doctor's excuse will be required to return to school. If they are diagnosed with Pink eye they must be on treatment for at least 24 hours before they can return to school. Some conjunctivitis may require the student remain at home until all symptoms are resolved.
- ❖ **Rash/lesions**--A child with an undiagnosed rash or lesion, which could be impetigo, scabies, ringworm, etc., will not be allowed to stay at school. Skin lesions or rashes should be considered possible communicable diseases until a medical opinion is expressed to the contrary. A doctor's excuse will be required to return to school.
- ❖ ***No child shall be sent home ill to stay alone. A parent or responsible party must be there to receive the child***
- ❖ ***If a child is sent home by the school nurse with a referral to see a physician, they must return to school with documentation verifying that they have seen the physician.***

I. SCREENING PROGRAMS

1) Vision Screening

Vision Screening is conducted on all students in grades PK, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and from parent or teacher referrals. The screening is done by the school nurse. If a student fails the screening, a letter will be sent home indicating that the child should be further evaluated by an eye doctor.

2) Hearing Screening

Hearing screening is conducted on all students in grades PK, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and from parent or teacher referrals. This screening will be done by the school nurses. If a student fails they will be referred to the school speech therapist for a second screening. If a student fails the second screening a letter will be sent home to the parent and the student will be referred to the school system's audiologist for further evaluation. The audiologist will refer students to their physician.

3) Scoliosis Screening

Scoliosis screening is conducted in the 6th grade school level. If a student fails the screening a letter will be sent home indicating that the child should be further evaluated by a private physician or the Easter Seals Society.

II. IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

- 1) **The Office of Public Health requires the following age appropriate immunizations your child must receive before attending school.**
 - a) **Pre-K and Kindergarten**
 - b) **4 or 5 - Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular pertussis Vaccine (Tdap)**
(1) *(last dose must be administered after the child's 4th Birthday)*
 - c) **2 - Varicella**
 - d) **2 - Measles, Mumps-rubella (MMR)**
 - e) **3 - Hepatitis B (HBV)**
 - f) **3 or 4 - Polio (IPV)**
(Last dose must be administered after the child's 4th Birthday)

****The Varicella vaccine is waived if the student has had a history of chickenpox disease. The parent is responsible for reporting the case of chickenpox to the school nurse, or local health department.***

2) Grade 6 and/or 11 years of Age:

- a) According to the new law, students entering sixth (6th) grade will be required to show proof of immunization against Meningococcal Meningitis (MCV4) and any booster doses recommended by the Office of Public Health. Immunizations now required are listed below, in addition to the immunizations your child should have received from kindergarten through grade 5.
TDap - Booster
Meningitis Vaccine
Varicella – Booster

***Please be aware - your child will NOT be allowed to attend school if you fail to comply with the new immunization law. You should contact your local physician or local Health Unit to schedule an appointment as soon as possible. Updated immunizations records will be due the first day of school.**

If you have any questions or concerns, you may call Jennifer Wilkinson, RN, School Nurse Coordinator at 225-686-4368, or you may contact Livingston Parish Health Unit 225-686-7017. Students that have not received proper immunization may not be allowed to come to school if there is an outbreak of a communicable disease at school (Chickenpox, Measles, etc.) By state law these students must be excluded from the school setting. These absences will not be excused.

**Parents or Guardians of students that are unable to receive their immunizations due to medical, religious, or personal reasons must submit a written letter of dissent that has been notarized. If this dissent is due to a medical reason a written statement from the doctor must be received.*

III. LICE - SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

- 1) It is the policy of the Board to exclude from Livingston Parish Public Schools any student suspected of having symptoms of head lice until satisfactory treatment has been given. The student shall be readmitted to school after the parent or guardian has treated the child, and all lice and eggs have been removed. Students who have been treated for lice must be brought to school by the parents and rechecked by school personnel before they are allowed to enter a class.

IV. MEDICATION GUIDELINES

Livingston Parish Public Schools require the following forms must be on file in your child's health records BEFORE we begin to give any medicine at school.

1. Signed authorization form by the parent or guardian to give medicine.
2. Signed medication order. The written order form should be taken to your child's licensed prescriber (your child's physician or dentist) for completion and returned to the school office. This order must be renewed if there are any changes in dosage, time, or medication and also at the beginning of each school year.
 - a) Medicine should be delivered to the office either by you or a responsible adult whom you designate (**never the student**). It must be in a container with a label from the pharmacy. Please ask your pharmacy to provide a separate bottle for school and home use. No more than a thirty-five day supply of the medicine should be delivered to the school. The parent or guardian is responsible for breaking the tablet in half when needed before delivering to the school. School personnel are not allowed to break tablets in half. Parents are responsible for picking up the empty medicine bottle. The student will not be allowed to carry the container home.
 - b) No "over the counter" medication such as Tylenol, aspirin, cough medicine, etc., can be given at school without a doctor's order and a prescription label. When your child needs medicine to be given during the school day, please act quickly to follow these policies so that we can begin giving the medicine as soon as possible.
 - c) If a student is prescribed a new medication, they must remain at home for 12 hours after the first dose to be observed for adverse reactions.

**WHENEVER POSSIBLE MEDICATION SHOULD BE
GIVEN AT TIMES OTHER THAN SCHOOL HOURS.**