

Menands Union Free School District
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School Nurse: Carin D'Ambro R.N.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Menands School would like to take this opportunity to explain the role of the School Health Office, and to ask your help in our work with your child.

Special Health Needs: So that we may provide the best care for your child, please inform us of the following:

1. Food Allergy
2. Bee String Allergy
3. Allergy to any other medication
4. Difficulty with vision, hearing, or speech
5. Need for medication during the school day
6. Any medical diagnosis for which your child may take medication at home
7. Any head injury or concussion that occurs.

Medication in School:

In order to have medication administered to your child while in school you **MUST** have the following:

1. A physician's order completed by their doctor
2. Parent permission completed on the physician's order form.
3. An adult **MUST** bring the medication into school
4. Medications must be in the original container

*The above refers to ALL medications including over the counter medications that are used on an "as needed basis."

Emergency Contact Information:

It is important for your emergency contact information to be up-to date. It is imperative to be able to reach an adult in the event of an emergency or early school closure. If you have any changes to your contact information please contact the school.

Accidents and Injuries in School:

If an accident occurs in school, the parent/ guardian will be notified. The student will be treated with appropriate first aid measures until the parental authority can authorize further treatment.

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Immunizations:

All student must be in compliance with NYS immunization standards in order to attend school. A child will not be allowed to attend school without proper verification of the immunizations.

School Physician:

The New York Education Law requires a physical exam for all new students upon entrance to school and routinely in grades K, 2, 4, and 7. We encourage this to be done by your child's physician, as he /she can offer a more complete examination through his/her knowledge of your family. If a physical is done by our school physician you will be notified of any abnormal findings.

Dental Certificates:

Dental Health is important to your child's overall health. Please have your child's dentist fill out the Dental Health Form at your next visit. If you need assistance obtaining Dental care please contact the Health Office

Attendance:

Per Menands School Attendance Policy: An excuse written by a parent or guardian must be sent to school with the student on the next day they return to school. It is very important that parents and school staff cooperate in an effort to make sure all students are safe and accounted for each day of school. Without a written note your child will be marked "unexcused" If your child is absent due to a medical/dental appointment you may send in a note from their doctor to excuse their absence.

Screening Procedures:

Students in all grades are screened by the Health Office nurse for visual acuity and hearing. Students from ages 8-16 are also screened for scoliosis according to NYS law.