

School Health Program

Anderson School District Three

Believing that all students, faculty, and staff deserve a healthy and safe environment, and that HEALTHY CHILDREN LEARN BETTER, Anderson School District Three is committed to providing a Comprehensive School Health Program that enhances the educational process by modification or removal of health-related barriers to learning, and by promotion of an optimal level of wellness throughout the District.

Please take note of the following:

- All prescription medications that are to be given at school must have a permission form signed by the child's parent/guardian as well as **your child's doctor**.
- Any over-the-counter medications to be administered at school must have a permission form signed by the child's parent.
- ACSD3 permits students to self-medicate with necessary medication during the school day if age appropriate and pending the completion of consent forms which includes the approval of your child's doctor. Please speak with your school nurse for further information.
- A new permission form will need to be signed each time there are changes in medication or dosage. These forms are available from the school nurse or on the district website.
- All medications, prescription and over-the-counter, must be sent to school in the **original container**. This includes the prescription information on the bottles and/or boxes for inhalers.
- All medications must be brought immediately to the nurse's office. Medications **cannot** be kept in book bags, desks, lockers or pockets.
- The nurse is only allowed to keep **one month's supply** of ADHD prescription medication for your child.

Students should stay home and remain at home until they have been **without** the following symptoms for **24 hours** and without taking medications to control symptoms:

- Temperature above 100 degrees.
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea.
- Any student sent home with a fever will be asked to remain at home the following day due to the 24 hour rule.

District nurses will coordinate/conduct annual mass screenings for vision, hearing, dental, BP and BMI as recommended for SC students. Parents may opt out of the mass screening in the form of a written note.

Head lice are typically spread by direct head-to-head contact. If you suspect your child might have head lice, it's important to talk to a school nurse, pediatrician or family physician to get appropriate care. It is recommended that you check your child for head lice on a regular basis and anytime your child complains of itching. Treatment **MUST** be done at the appropriate intervals (more than once) in order to eliminate the head lice. ACSD3 follows the school recommendations from the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics and South Carolina DHEC.

We will be available to speak with you regarding your child's needs during school hours. We appreciate the opportunity to help care for your child. Let's work together to keep them safe and well.