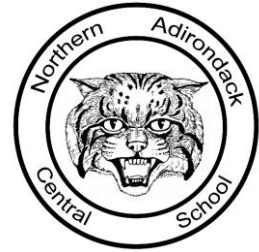


NORTHERN ADIRONDACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The nurse plays an important part in the routine running of the school. Try to explain to your children the purpose of the nurse's office. The following are some regulations that could at some point pertain to your child's health.

Necessary medications (even over the counter medications) will be given, but the following requirements must be adhered to:

1. The medication must be in the original bottle
2. Obtain a note from the doctor stating dosage and the time to be administered.
3. A note from the parent stating the dosage and the time to be administered
4. Try to send the amount needed to be given in school so transporting medication back and forth can be eliminated.
5. Medication must be transported to and from school by an adult.

Please notify the nurse if your child had a communicable disease, surgery, severe injury or illness and any immunization during the summer months or during the school year. If the school suspects your child may have a contagious illness, the child must have a doctor's permission slip to be re-admitted to school.

Health appraisals (physicals) for grades 2, 4, 7, 10 and all new students will be done routinely by our school physician unless the nurse is otherwise notified. If a parent has chosen to have a physical for his/her child done by their family physician, the complete physical form must be presented to the nurse's office within two (2) weeks after the child enters school. The parent must indicate if no school physical is desired.

It is New York State Law that scoliosis screenings begin in 5th grade. This screening will take place during the school year in the Nurse's Office. Notices for any defects found resulting from visual and hearing screening or health appraisals done by our school physician will be sent to parents. You are encouraged to have the forms completed and returned to the nurse after corrections have been completed.

If a student has a physical impairment, which limits their participation in certain activities, the parents need to provide the school nurse with written documentation from the child's physician.

If a parent is notified that a student has become ill at school, it is expected that arrangements will be made to take the child home or to the doctors immediately if necessary.

Head lice and scabies are two (2) problems that occur in most schools. To help control these problems, parents are encouraged to check their own children weekly, the nurse can only be aware if she is notified. Affected classrooms and buses will be checked. Please do not forget, both of these problems are treatable.

To protect all children, our school has adopted the following nit free policy:

- Any student found to have pediculosis at any stages (egg, nymph or adult) will have his/her parent contacted immediately. The student will be removed from school until the hair is treated and completely free of nits. There are to be no exceptions.
- Should a child be referred for head lice three (3) times within a two (2) month time period, the family will automatically be referred to the Public Health Department in order to help with the problem.
- The parent or guardian must be called to transport children with head lice or nits home. Following treatment, parents must also transport the student to school. Upon arriving in the morning, parents and child are to report to the Nurse's Office. Once the child is completely free from all stages of pediculosis they may ride the school bus again.