

NURSE'S OFFICE FORMS

All forms are available in the nurse's office upon request and can be downloaded from the school website. If your child is in 5th grade and would like to play sports in 6th grade, please visit the Middle School website for directions on how to be eligible for participation. Physicals are current for 365 days and must be completed on the appropriate state required forms.

Once your child's paperwork is completed, he/she needs to personally bring it to the nurse's office. Handing it directly to the nurse cuts down on lost paperwork. This also gives the nurse the opportunity to ask your child any questions if needed. We advise you to make copies for your own records of any paperwork you send to the school. We are unable to fax or make any copies for you.

PEDICULOSIS

Pediculosis (head lice) is a condition which can affect children of all ages. Head lice occur without regard to income or socio-economic position. In school, transmission is considered to be rare and no disease is associated with head lice. Our district has a no live lice policy and students with live lice will be sent home for treatment. Students must be brought to the school by a parent/guardian to be examined by the school nurse before readmission to school, to ensure that pediculosis treatment has taken place and that no live head lice are present. If at the return examination your child still has live head lice, you will be required to take your child home for further treatment. Students with nits only are not excluded from schools. At the discretion of the school nurse, it may be appropriate to screen other children who have had close head to head contact with the student who has active head lice, but classroom –wide or school wide screening is not merited. Maintaining the student's privacy, family confidentiality, and preventing stigmatization are vital. **When a single case of active head lice has been identified by the school nurse, parents of children in a class or on a team may be sent a Head Lice Alert Notice, the school district's Pediculosis Information, and BOE Policy at the discretion of the Principal or designee and the school nurse. Parents may request information regarding head lice from the school nurse. The school nurse will perform a head check of any student if requested by the parent.**

- a. The information provided to parents will clearly notify parents that treatment should only be performed on their child if active head lice or nits are found on their child's scalp or in their hair and treatment should not be applied as a preventative measure. This notification will inform parents they are expected to notify the school nurse if they find active head lice or nits on their child's scalp or in their hair. The school nurse will perform a head check of any student if requested by the parent.
- b. The school nurse will perform head checks of all students in a classroom where there are **three** or more active head lice cases or nits in the same classroom within a two week period.

The school nurse retains the authority to, in consultation with school administrator(s), exclude a student with a current case of head lice for which there is inadequate management by the parent/guardian. This student may be referred to his/her healthcare provider and/or the Burlington County Health Department for additional intervention. This policy is endorsed by national organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Public Health Association and the National Association of School Nurses. Similar policies have been adopted successfully by school systems throughout the country.

HEALTH SCREENING PROCEDURES

Growth and development are related to inherited characteristics and environmental influence throughout the life cycle. We screen your child per the State of New Jersey guidelines. You may submit a physical form from your child's physician in place of a health screening at the school. If there is a concern, you will be notified and advised to consult with your physician for further evaluation and treatment of any problem. If you do not want your child to be screened, please notify the school nurse in writing at the beginning of the school year.