



Nursing Services

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Dear Parent(s),

Welcome to the new school year. We would like to take this opportunity to acquaint you with the Canyons School District Nursing Services Department. We have 17 School Nurses that service our schools. Our role is to support student success by identifying and providing appropriate intervention for acute and chronic health conditions. Each School Nurse covers students in two to three schools and has a wide range of responsibilities. Below are some frequently asked questions from parents. We hope this information will be helpful as you prepare for this school year.

Q. WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE A VISION SCREENING?

- A. Canyons District students may receive a Tier 1 or Tier 2 vision screening. Tier 1 vision screening is a basic distance vision screening. Tier 2 vision screening is a more in-depth evaluation that may include screenings for eye focusing, colorblindness, convergence insufficiency, near and distance vision. If any vision difficulties are identified or your student does not pass the vision screening, you will be notified in writing.

If you prefer not to have your student vision screened, you must complete the Canyons School District Vision Screening Opt Out Form. This form must then be submitted to the main office staff at your student's school before the date of the scheduled vision screening. This form is available at www.canyonsdistrict.org; select **About | Departments | Nursing Services | Questionnaires and Screenings** (widget). Then scroll to locate the CSD Vision Opt Out Form. Parents may also contact the school office for this form

Q. WHAT IS A HEALTH CARE PLAN?

- A. An individualized written document, developed by the district nurse that provides instruction on the student's medical condition. These plans are written to educate staff members of student's health care needs that must be addressed during the school day.

Q. HOW CAN I GET A HEALTH CARE PLAN FOR MY CHILD?

- A. Parents must request a health care plan for their child by completing the *Request for Special Health Care Services* form. This form is available at www.canyonsdistrict.org; select **About | Departments | Nursing Services | Questionnaires and Screenings** (widget). Then scroll to locate *Request for Nursing Services* form. Parents can also contact the school office for this form.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD NEEDS MEDICATION WHILE AT SCHOOL?

- A. Elementary school students must have a completed *Medication Authorization Form* on file before medication can be administered in the school setting. This form is available at www.canyonsdistrict.org; select **About | Departments | Nursing Services | Employee Resources** (widget). Then scroll to locate *Medication Authorization Form*. Parents can also contact the school office for this form.

Secondary school students may carry and self-administer a 12-hour dose of a non-narcotic medication. If the student requires assistance from the school to administer the medication, a *Medication Authorization Form* must be completed and on file in the school office.

Q. HOW CAN I ACCESS THE SCHOOL NURSE?

- A. You can obtain the name of your school's nurse by contacting the school office or online at www.canyonsdistrict.org and select **About | Departments | Nursing Services**.

We hope this is a healthy and successful year for your child. Please take a moment to visit our website at www.canyonsdistrict.org and select **About | Departments | Nursing Services**. The menu bar can link you with forms, policies and many health resources. If you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact us.

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