

Health Services

Medication Policy

The Charter Oak – Ute Community School District does not assume responsibility for medical treatment during school hours.

If your child is on medication, please make every effort to give it at home. If medication must be given at school, the parent must provide a written and signed doctor's order stating the name of the child, the name of the medication, the hour to be given, and the dates the medication is needed.

All medication must be received at school in the original prescription container.

Please make arrangements to pick up all medication any time the medication is not longer in use. Please call the school to make arrangements. No medications will be kept over the summer months and proper disposal will take place following the last day of school before summer break.

A new medication order from your physician is required for all new medications and for each new school year.

Illnesses at School

Illnesses/Injuries At School: Our primary goal is to protect the health of our students, families, faculty and staff. Ways that you can help to minimize the spread of illness at your child's school are:

- *Teach your child about good hand washing and cough hygiene practices.
- *Let the school know if your child has a medical condition that could make them more susceptible to becoming ill.
- *Discuss with your doctor additional measures that might reduce your family's chance of becoming ill. Seasonal flu shots and updating your immunizations are two measures.
- *Plan for how your child will be cared for if they need to remain home from school due to illness. Students with the following symptoms should remain home or may be sent home from school:
 - The child's temperature must remain below 100 degrees for 24 hours without benefit of use of fever reducing medications before they can return to school.
 - Vomiting – should be free of symptom for 24 hours before returning to school.
 - Diarrhea – should be free of symptom for 24 hours before returning to school.
 - Persistent nasal congestion, reddened eyes, sore throat, cough or headaches that disrupt the student's learning or pose a risk of disease transmission to others.
 - Unexplained skin eruptions or rashes. When in doubt, consult your child's doctor.
 - Any other health condition that in the school's judgment is of concern for the others health and well being and that of the child.

-Communicable illnesses in which you have been advised to remain out of school until cleared to return by the county health department or your child's doctor.

The school will contact you if your child becomes ill or seriously injured at school. If a parent cannot be reached, other individuals listed on the emergency form will be contacted. For the child's safety, students will be released only to adults whose names appear on the emergency form. It is very important that you notify school when there are changes to emergency contacts of health care providers.

To minimize the spread of illness among students, report communicable diseases such as influenza, measles, whooping cough, hepatitis A, tuberculosis, chickenpox etc. to the school immediately.

Absences

Students are required by law to attend school. If your child must be absent from school, please notify the school office as early as possible on the morning of the absence. Serious illness that may require a long term absence must be verified by a medical doctor.

Immunizations

The Iowa Immunization Law requires that parents of all children attending schools in Iowa provide written proof of immunizations. No child may attend school without a Certificate of Immunization, except under circumstances outlined or specified in the State of Iowa laws or codes.

Immunizations are state required entering Kindergarten and the T-Dap Booster at 7th grade and above.

The Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Immunization, is requiring a one-time booster dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis-containing vaccine for applicants in grade 7 and above, if born on or after September 15, 2000; regardless of the interval since the last tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccine. This rule change came into affect on January 16, 2013 and will be implemented at the beginning of the upcoming 2013-2014 school year.

Food Allergy, Anaphylaxis, and Special Dietary Need

Food allergies and severe and life threatening reactions to food allergies are a concern within the school day. There are also some medical conditions requiring special dietary consideration. You will need to obtain a signed, physicians order for dietary accommodations if your child has a life threatening allergy or medical condition requiring special dietary consideration.

Vision, Hearing and Dental Screenings

All screenings will be performed on all eligible students unless a written notification is received from the parent or guardian requesting that the screening not be performed.

If your student fails a screening, a referral to the appropriate health care provider will be made by the school. If you do not have a care provider or health insurance, please contact the school for assistance.

If your student is not in the identified grades being screened for vision, hearing or dental, you may request that they be screened by contacting the school.

Vision Screening: Vision Screenings are done by the school for students in grades K-5. Teachers and parents may request a vision screening whenever a problem is suspected. Results of vision screenings may be obtained from the school. If the student does not pass the vision screen, a referral letter will be sent home with the student.

Hearing Tests: All hearing tests at CO-U are done by the AEA Audiologist/Audiometrist. Testing is done for students in grades PK-5th, students with known hearing loss, and all students who are new to the school district. Parents and teachers may also request that a screening be done whenever a problem is suspected regardless of the student's grade. Results of hearing testing may be obtained from the school nurse or the Audiologist assigned to the school.

Dental Screening: Dental screening is required for all Kindergarten and 9th grade students. Parents or guardians of Kindergarten students will be required to provide evidence of a dental screening on an Iowa Department of Public Health Dental Screening Certificate. The dental screening must be completed no earlier than age three and no later than age 6 by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, nurse or physician's assistant. All incoming 9th grade students must provide evidence of a dental screening on an Iowa Department of Public Health Dental Screening Certificate. This screening can be done no earlier than one year prior to the date of enrollment. This screening must be performed by a dentist or dental hygienist. To obtain a copy of the Iowa Department of Public Health Dental Screening Certificate, go to our Resources-Forms page and print it from the Registration Forms list.