

Notes from the School Nurse..

Moving to a new location and enrolling students in a new school is not easy for parents or children. In an effort to help this process be less stressful for all I would like to discuss which documents USD 235 requires before students may begin classes.

Our Board policy requires we have a copy of the student's birth certificate and social security card. If the student is enrolling in a Pre-Kindergarten program or Kindergarten we must have a copy of a physical exam done within the past 12 months and proof of current immunizations. If your child is lacking a copy of any of these documents they must stay home until their health file is complete.

Parents are often anxious to get their children enrolled and want them to begin class the next day or two. Legally, we can not allow students to begin classes until we have these documents. We take State requirements seriously and will ask the students to wait to begin classes until the student's health file is complete.

For parents of Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children we have a nurse available during Kindergarten roundup who can do your child's physical exam and give needed shots the day of Roundup. This service is free!

Seventh grade students need a Tdap (tetanus and whooping cough booster) before beginning seventh grade. We offer these shots free to sixth grade students during K-roundup. Or, students may go to their own health care provider during the summer before school begins.

Please keep in mind until we get all required documentation and the health file is complete the student will not be able to attend class.

Thank you for your help getting your child in compliance with Section 72-5209 of the Kansas School Immunization Law regulations (amended 1994). If you have questions or comments please call me at 620-756-4335 between 7:30am-4:00pm (M-F).

Sincerely,
Betty Dennis, Rn
School nurse