



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to remind you that all **new** students as well as returning students entering the **School Entry Level (SEL), Grade 5** and **Grade 9** are required to have a new Health Inventory Form and an updated proof of immunization to be on file in the nurse's office. Please complete a new Health Inventory if there has been a changed health status of your child. The Health Inventory has 2 parts: the first section is for the parent to complete and sign and the second section is for the medical provider to review and sign.

All students in **SEL** and **Grade 1** are required to have at least two doses of **Varicella Vaccine**. **Students do not need a vaccine if they have previously had and can document a case of chicken pox.** All students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have must have received a single dose of **Tdap** and a single dose of **Meningococcal (MCV4)** vaccination within the last ten years. The Health Forms for the School Entry Level through grade 12, along with the current vaccine requirements can be found on the school website under [ADMISSIONS > Forms](#) in the "Health Forms" tab .

For **preschoolers**, the appropriate Health Forms and vaccine requirements by "current age" can also be found on our website [ADMISSIONS > Forms](#) in the "Health Forms" tab.

Please turn in all required health forms and proof of current vaccinations to the nurse's office or send them directly to [nurse@giswashington.org](mailto:nurse@giswashington.org) **on or before August 16, 2021**. If your child has had the required immunizations in another country, the Health Department will accept a copy of the immunization book as proof of vaccinations.

The Health Department inspects **all** student records every school year. If your child is not compliant with immunization requirements, the inspectors can take measures to have your child **exempt** from attending school in Montgomery County.

Any health issues such as allergies, asthma, diabetes, etc. requiring your child to receive medication at school must have the mandatory [Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication](#) form completed and signed by a health care provider for each medication (both prescription and over-the-counter medication). The form and any medication must be in the original packaging labeled with the students name and class on the packaging. The form and medication must be delivered to the Nurse's Office on the first day of school. If your child suffers from severe allergies or asthma requiring emergency action, an [Anaphylaxis/Severe Allergy/Food Allergy – Individualized Health Care Plan](#) must be filled out by the health care provider and brought to the Nurse's Office.

The School Nurse is not permitted to administer over-the-counter medication to students unless an [Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication](#) has been completed by the health care provider and parents, and has been submitted to the School Nurse along with the labeled medication.

Please remember that students are **not** permitted to carry or self-administer any type of medication/ supplement during school hours or activity unless the parents or guardians have submitted the [Self-Carry / Self-Administration of Emergency Medication Authorization/Approval](#) and it was signed off by the School Nurse.

These forms can be found on our website under [ADMISSIONS > Forms](#) in the “Health Forms” tab.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [\\_nurse@giswashington.org](mailto:nurse@giswashington.org) or 301.767.3814.

Sincerely, **Julia Cashmere RN, BSN**  
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