

Brunswick Acres School

South Brunswick Township Public Schools

Welcome to Brunswick Acres School!

School health services are maintained to appraise and promote the health of the students and school personnel. The goal of health services is to strengthen and facilitate the educational process by improving and protecting the health status of children and staff.

Certain health services are mandated by the state because they are necessary either to protect the public health or to support the continuing participation of children in school.

Required Health Documentation

Students entering kindergarten in September must provide the health office with documentation of the following information prior to the first day of school:

- New Jersey State law requires specific immunizations in order to register in a public school. Please provide documentation of all immunizations as follows:
 1. DTP (DTaP) – 4 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, OR any 5 doses
 2. Polio – 3 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, OR any 4 doses
 3. Measles – 2 doses of a measles containing vaccine (usually MMR) with the first dose given ON or after the 1st birthday
 4. Hepatitis B – 3 doses of HepB vaccine or laboratory evidence of immunity
 5. Varicella – 1 dose of varicella vaccine ON or after the 1st birthday or proof of disease immunity
- Physical Examination completed and signed by a licensed health care professional (MD, DO or APN) within 365 days of the first day of school.
- Completed Health History (by parent or guardian)

In addition, if your child has asthma or allergies, or if your child requires an epi-pen in school, additional information is required. Please see Mrs. Hansen if you need any further information. You may also view information regarding the asthma policy as well as download the necessary forms on Brunswick Acres School's Health Web Site – www.sbschools.org

Medications in School

In compliance with the New Jersey Department of Education Guidelines and the South Brunswick Township Schools Board of Education, there are specific guidelines for the administration of medication in school.

If your child should require medication during school hours, please read carefully South Brunswick's Medication Policy. Please remember a registered nurse can never make a medical diagnosis or prescribe medication (even over-the-counter). Therefore, medication will NOT be administered without your permission AND a doctors directive. **Students may not transport medication either to or from school.** Medication must be delivered to the health office by a parent or guardian. Please see Mrs. Hansen for the necessary forms. You may view the policy as well as download the necessary forms on Brunswick Acres School's Health Web Site – www.sbschools.org.

Excuse from Physical Activity

A child may be excused from physical activity (physical education & outside recess) due to illness or injury. **A note from the parent/guardian must be submitted stating the reason for the excuse.** If prolonged physical education absence is necessary, a note from the student's health care provider is required for the excuse and to resume.

Please remember to provide your child with appropriate foot wear (sneakers that tie or Velcro. No clogs, sandals, boots, or party shoes) for Phys. Ed. Days.

If your child is wearing an apparatus, including but not limited to a cast, sling, ace-bandage, crutches, he/she will be removed from physical activity and may only resume with a note from a licensed health care provider.

Exclusion from School

Children having contagious disease shall be excluded from school until all signs of the disease have disappeared. A doctor's note may be required upon return. The school nurse may exclude a student who appears ill in school, and may, at her discretion, require a note from a licensed health care provider before the student is readmitted to school. A student returning to school following an absence **MUST** have a note from a parent or guardian.

Health Screenings

Health screening of students identifies the need for equipment or accommodations to remove obstacles to learning. Height/weight; blood pressure; vision; auditory; and scoliosis screenings are provided by the health office to students in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education. You will receive notification from the health office if the findings of any screening requires follow-up with your health care provider.

Emergency Procedures

Parents and guardians are asked to complete a yearly Emergency Procedure Form for every student. It is important to make sure you have two additional emergency contacts in addition to the parent contact information. Emergency numbers must be local and current. Notify the school immediately of any changes. In case of an accident or illness, parents or alternate contacts are notified. The school cannot provide transportation. In extreme emergencies, the First Aid Squad will be called.

You may reach Mrs. Hansen for consultation during school hours at the health office at 732-297-6621 ext 3469 or via email at: Suzanne.Hansen@sbschools.org. Additional information may be found on Brunswick Acres School's Health Web Page at www.sbschools.org.