

Citrus County Public Schools’ Health Services

Medication Policy

The appropriate Citrus County Public Schools’ personnel will be authorized to assist the student(s) in the administration of prescription medication according to the Florida Statute 1006.062 and Citrus County School Board Policies 5.62 and 5.621. Over the counter (OTC) medication will be handled in the same manner as prescription medication and require a physician order.

Medications should be administered at school only if it is necessary to give the medication during school hours. For example, a medication given three times a day could be given before school, after school, and at bedtime.

All medications must be properly labeled from the pharmacy and in the original container. A separate medication authorization form is required for each medication administered. The Florida Department of Health requires the prescription bottle to be the most recent prescription possible and be within the expiration date. An adult must bring all medication to the school.

Medicines and treatments considered outside medical protocols, such as herbal treatments for ADD/ADHD, caffeine pills, aloe for burns, and meat tenderizer for bee stings require a physician’s note.

Students shall not carry any medications including Tylenol, eye drops, cough drops, etc. Florida Statute 1002.20 provides that students may carry a metered dose inhaler, epinephrine auto-injectors diabetic supplies and equipment, and pancreatic enzyme supplement at school **with** the permission of their physician and parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s). A special permission form must be completed and any metered dose inhaler, epinephrine auto-injector, diabetic supplies and equipment, and pancreatic enzyme supplement must be labeled with the student’s name.

Citrus County Schools Medication Authorization Forms are available in each school’s clinic or online at www.citrus.k12.fl.us under the **Parents** tab listed under **School Health Services**.

State of Florida Immunization Requirement Guidelines

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Pre-Kindergarten (PK)	4 DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) 3 Polio 4 Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) 3 Hepatitis B 1 Varicella+ (chicken pox)
Kindergarten (KG) – 6th Grade	4 or 5 DTP/DTaP* 4 or 5 Polio** 2 MMR 3 Hepatitis B 2 Varicella+ for KG – 6 th Grade
7th Grade – 12th Grade	4 or 5 DTP/DTaP* 4 or 5 Polio** 2 MMR 3 Hepatitis B 1 Tdap 2 Varicella+ for 7 th – 12 th Grade
*For kindergarten entry, if the 4 th dose of DTAP was administered at age four or older, the fifth dose of DTAP is not required. **For kindergarten entry, if the fourth dose of polio was administered before the fourth birthday, a fifth dose of polio is required. +Varicella vaccination is not required if varicella disease is documented by a healthcare provider.	

For more information or to schedule an appointment for vaccinations contact your primary healthcare provider or the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County:

CITRUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

(Appointment line 352-527-0247)

3700 W. Sovereign Path

Lecanto, FL 34461

Phone: 527-0068

Visit www.immunizeflorida.org for additional information and resources.

Parents are required to provide the school with an immunization record. These immunizations are required by Statute 1003.22. A student can and will be excluded from school if immunization requirements are not met.

Physicals

Students entering Kindergarten must provide the school proof of a current physical examination by a healthcare provider or by the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County (Health Department) prior to the first day of school. Students entering a Florida school for the first time also need to present a physical dated within the last year.

For more information or to schedule an appointment for a physical, contact your primary healthcare provider or the Health Department. The Health Department offers physicals and will assist with eligibility applications for other programs such as Medicaid and food assistance.

Registration Requirements

Parent(s) and/o legal guardian(s) of all children entering Citrus County Public Schools' for the first time are required to have the following items to register:

- Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Immunization (DH 680 card)
- Physical Examination (completed within 1 year of entry date)
- Proof of Florida Residency
- A Social Security Card is requested, but not required