

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to Liberty Common School. The state of Colorado requires that all students entering a Colorado school must be up-to-date on all their immunizations. Attached is a letter from the CDPHE listing what immunizations are required for schools. Please make sure these are in order to be turned at Summer Registration, and please contact your health care provider with any questions regarding what your student may be missing- you may bring the attached letter with you to your provider if you would like.

Personal or religious exemptions require a parent or guardian signature on an official form. Parents/guardians seeking non-medical (religious or personal) exemptions for children in K-12th must submit non-medical exemption forms annually. To submit this, please stop by your school health office and pick one up to sign and return, or access it on the school website under STUDENT LIFE>FORMS AND RESOURCES>HEALTH OFFICE FORMS. Children with an exemption may be kept out of school during a disease outbreak if recommended by the county. Medical exemptions require a physician signature and need to be submitted only once. Without proof of current immunizations, your child may not start school. Please contact your child's healthcare provider to obtain records if needed. If there are immunizations that are lacking, you will be advised as to what your child needs to be up-to-date, and these must be addressed in a timely manner.

Health Concerns

Please give us details about any health concerns your child has so we may be of assistance to your child at school. The school nurse consultant, in communication with the school health tech, will review any information you provide and a healthcare plan may be developed. If you need to get in touch with the school nurse regarding a health plan, you may e-mail her at ndybzinski@libertycommon.org.

Role Of The Health Office

Our goal is to keep students healthy and learning in class. Therefore, the school health office is intended to be a liaison between home and class. If students are well, our goal is to get them back to class and learning. If they are ill, we want them home and resting, and not exposing other students. Please review our list of requirements as to when you should keep your child home from school for health-related issues (included).

The school nurse (RN) visits each campus a couple hours per week and supervises the delegated health tech who is in the health office, cares for students, and dispenses medication. Neither the school nurse and health tech are not licensed to diagnose, so please utilize your family health provider for continuation of care.

Medication At School

All medication given at school, whether doctor prescribed or over-the-counter (including cough drops and any type of natural supplements) must be accompanied by our standard medication permission form (available in the school health office, or on our website, also under HEALTH OFFICE FORMS), signed by both the parent/guardian and the physician. Medication must be provided and brought to school by the parent, in the original prescription bottle or over-the-counter container, and must not be expired. If medication changes or medication is discontinued during the school year, please have the child's doctor fax the new or correct orders. Asthma inhalers or medication to treat severe allergic reactions may be carried by the student as long as this is agreed upon by the child's healthcare provider, parent, school nurse, and a healthcare plan is in effect. Authorization for medication administration must be completed yearly and health care plans updated annually. Only high school students may carry any medications for which we have a self-carry- medication form on file and which we approve. This authorization to carry can be revoked at any time should the student not demonstrate the proper responsibility for this privilege.

Phone Numbers

It is important we have your home and work numbers, as well as emergency contact (s) and phone number(s). Should your child become ill or hurt while at school, we must be able to reach you. If changes occur during the school year, please notify the front office. Thanks for your cooperation!

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Melissa Miller, Health Tech, mmiller@libertycommon.org or Natalie Dyzbinski, RN, BSN, ndybzinski@libertycommon.org at: 970.493.9800. Fax: 970.672.5499.