



GATEWAY SCIENCE ACADEMY

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Welcome to the 2019-20 school year at Gateway Science Academy Middle & High School! We would like to share some information about the Health Office prior to the new year. Do not hesitate to contact the school nurse for assistance with your student's healthcare needs. We wish good health and a successful school year for your student!

Requirements:

-A "Health Information/Over the Counter Medication" form should be filled out for each new school year and should be returned prior to the first day of school.

-Please turn in copies of asthma action plans, allergy action plans, seizure action plans, insulin dosing/sliding scales, or any other doctor notes related to treatment or accommodations for your student's medical needs.

-If your student had a physical or immunizations over the summer, please turn in a copy prior to the first day of school. All incoming 6th and 9th graders, as well as any students new to GSA must have a physical on file that was completed after 1/1/19.

-All students must have up-to-date immunizations in order to attend school. If your student is not up to date they will be sent home by the school nurse with an unexcused absence and will not be allowed to return until they have current immunizations.

Medications:

-If your student requires medication while at school, an "Authorization to Administer Medication at School" form must be completed by the prescribing Health Care Provider and a parent/guardian. This form can be found in the main office.

-All medications must be brought in by a parent and given directly to the school nurse. Please contact the school nurse if you are unable to bring medications in during school hours to arrange another time.

-Students are not permitted to carry any medication, prescription or over the counter, with the exception of Epi Pens and Inhalers. An "Authorization to Administer Medication at School" form must be on file stating the student is allowed to self-carry.



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Absences:

-Please call the office if your child is absent for any reason. If due to illness or injury please inform us of the symptoms (fever, sore throat etc.) so we may track student absences and illness for infection control purposes.

-Fever over 100°, vomiting and diarrhea, persistent cough, severely swollen and sore throat, or eyes that are very red with discharge are all reasons to stay home from school. The absence will be excused if a doctor's note is turned in.

-If your student is feeling ill during the school day they must be assessed by the nurse in order to be dismissed. Students are not to call or text parents that they are sick and need to go home. A nursing assessment must be performed in order to excuse students for illness.

-Please inform the nurse if your student will be absent for an extended time due to illness, surgery, or a chronic condition. This allows us to work with you to ensure your student's academic success. Students who are out due to hospitalization or injury must bring a doctor's note stating they are allowed to return to school, listing restrictions or accommodations they may need.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns at nursefyler@gsastl.org or at (314) 261-4361.

Thank you,

Nurse Michelle and Nurse Jillian