

FROM THE DESK OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dear Parent:

Greetings from the Travis Middle School clinic and welcome to all new and returning families! As your school nurse, I look forward to helping your child enjoy a healthy and safe school year. Listed below are some of the health services available to students:

- First Aid for Illness and Injury: In the event of a serious accident or emergency, every effort is made to contact the parent immediately. When parents cannot be reached, an ambulance will be called and the student taken to an appropriate medical facility accompanied by the nurse or an administrator from school. To help ensure optimum care, please make sure that you have sent back a completed Elementary Enrollment Form.

- Control of Communicable Diseases: Immunization requirements are monitored at the intervals prescribed by state law. Please take note of the current state immunization requirements located in this health packet. You will be notified of any need to update your child's immunizations.

- Health Screening: State mandated vision and hearing screening is performed on all P.K., kindergarten, first, third, and fifth grade students as well as all new-to-district students. Additionally, students who show signs of vision or hearing difficulty (any grade) can be screened to rule out a problem. If a medical problem exists, you will be notified and referred for further medical evaluation if needed.

- Medication: According to State law, only those medications that are necessary for a student's medical care are administered at school. If your child has a medical condition requiring administration of medication at school, a Request for Administration of Prescription Medication form must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian. These forms are available in the clinic and office. Please refer to the enclosed medication policy for important information and guidelines.

Inside this health packet you will also find information about the IISD illness guidelines and about a common childhood condition, pediculosis (head lice). It will be helpful to keep this packet handy during the school year to refer to as needed and to file any health updates/news items that your child brings home to you.

You are encouraged to share any concerns or problems relevant to your child's health. If you have any questions or would like to meet with me, please do not hesitate to call me at 972-261-2400. Clinic hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Best wishes for a great school year.