

LEONARDO DA VINCI HEALTH SCIENCES CHARTER SCHOOL

STUDENT HEALTH POLICY

Health Screenings

Hearing and vision will be provided as required by state law at the following levels:

- Hearing screening for all students in grades K-6
- Vision screening for grades K-6

Exclusions from Screenings

Contact the Director regarding excluding your child from any of these screenings.

Immunization (Shot) Requirements

State law requires that all students under age 18 years, pre-kindergarten through grade 12, be immunized against certain diseases unless they are exempt for medical reasons or because of personal beliefs. At the time of registration, the school is required to have proof that your child has received all currently due immunizations.

Information on obtaining a permanent medical exemption or personal beliefs exemption for your child is available from the office staff.

K-1 Physical Exam

California's Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program mandates that every child have a physical examination before entering school in kindergarten or first grade.

The examination may be completed up to 18 months prior to the start of first grade.

Parents/guardians are required to present a report of examination or a waiver statement to the school within 91 days of entry to first grade.

Students who have not met this requirement by the appropriate date may be excluded from school attendance for up to five days. Parents/guardians needing assistance meeting the requirements can call (800) 675-2229. You are encouraged to complete this exam at kindergarten entry to make sure your child is healthy and ready to learn.

K-1 Dental Exam (OHA)

Effective January 1, 2007, an Oral Health Assessment (dental examination) by a licensed California dental health professional is required for children entering public school for the first time (at kindergarten or first grade). The Oral Health Assessment must be completed and returned to the school by May 31 of that first school year. Assessments done up to 12 months prior to school entry also meet this requirement. Obtain the form from the school or your dental health provider to complete.

Parents/guardians may sign a waiver of this requirement, which can be found on the OHA form available at the school. There is no penalty or exclusion if this requirement is not met. The

parent/guardian can call (800) 675-2229 for assistance in finding a provider for the Oral Health Assessment.

Pediculosis Policy (Head Lice)

The Board of Trustees recognizes that head lice infestations among students require treatment but do not pose a risk of transmitting disease. The Director/designee shall encourage early detection and treatment in a manner that minimizes disruption to the educational program and reduces student absences.

The Director/designee may distribute information to the parents/guardians of preschool and elementary students regarding routine screening, symptoms, accurate diagnosis, and proper treatment of head lice infestations. The Director/designee also may provide related information to school staff.

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse/designee as soon as possible.

If a student is found with active, adult head lice, he/she shall be allowed to stay in school until the end of the school day. The parent/guardian of any such student shall be given information about the treatment of head lice and encouraged to begin treatment of the student immediately and to check all members of the family. Student will be granted no more than one day of excused absence. The parent/guardian shall also be informed that the student will be checked upon return to school and allowed to remain in school if no active head lice are detected.

Upon the student's return to school, the school nurse/designee shall check the student for active head lice. If it is determined that the student remains infected with head lice, the school nurse/designee shall contact the student's parent/guardian to discuss treatment. As needed, he/she may provide additional resources and/or referral to the local health department, health care providers, or other agencies.

If a student is consistently found to be infested with head lice, he/she may be referred to a multidisciplinary team, which may consist of the school nurse/designee, representatives from the local health department and social services, and other appropriate individuals to determine the best approach for identifying and resolving problems contributing to the student's head lice infestations.

When it is determined that one or more students in a class or school are infested with head lice, the director/designee may, at his/her discretion, notify parents/ guardians of students in that class or school and provide them with information about the detection and treatment of head lice. Parents/guardians are encouraged to incorporate inspecting their child's hair as part of their regular hygiene routine.

Control of Communicable Diseases

LdVCS is required to cooperate with the San Diego County Department of Health and Human Services to prevent and control communicable diseases in school-age children.

If there is good reason to believe a student has a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the parent/guardian will be contacted and the student sent home. The student may return to school when well and/or released by a physician.

Administration of Medications

The California Education Code states that any student who is required to take medication prescribed by a physician during the regular school day, may be assisted by designated school office personnel if the LdVCS receives:

1. A written statement from the physician detailing the method, amount and time schedules that the medication is to be taken **and**
2. A written statement from the student's parent/guardian authorizing the LdVCS to administer the medication. (E.C. 49422, 49423)

Prescription medications must be in the original pharmacy container with the original prescription label adhered to the container. In addition, students may keep prescription auto-injectable epinephrine readily available on the school site and/or asthma inhalers if certain requirements are met.

No other prescription or over-the-counter medications, vitamins, herbs, or alternative medications may be carried by students on their person, in a backpack or other container except as indicated above and with the express knowledge and permission of the school nurse and/or other certificated school employee. Limited over-the-counter medications may be available at some school sites and can be given only by a credentialed member of the school staff with a parent/guardian consent on file.

If a child requires an over-the-counter medication on an ongoing basis, the parent/guardian may obtain a physician's note authorizing office staff to administer the medication.

Medication at home: The parent/guardian of a student who is on a continuing medication regimen at home is required to inform the school nurse or other designated certificated school employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage and the name of the supervising physician. Notification is required to your child's school when new medications are started at any time during the school year.

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