

Allergy Alert

Students with life threatening allergies are a growing health concern in schools across the country. The T/E School District has a policy (#5403) to address this issue.

Food allergies, insect stings, latex and medications can cause an anaphylactic reaction in people who are highly allergic to them. Anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction that involves various areas of the body simultaneously. Symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction can be any or all of the following:

- Hives
- Tingling, itching, redness on skin, lips, eyelids or any part of the body
- Swelling/itching of mouth and throat
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Paleness, dizziness
- Loss of consciousness

Even if your child does not have a life threatening allergy, another schoolmate may have one.

Please Note: As a result of this policy, T/E Middle School has added the following measures:

1. All foods sent in for classroom celebrations or school sponsored activities should be commercially prepared with a full preprinted label listing ingredients.
2. Only Mylar balloons may be used for locker decorating and school events.
3. Remember that eating is not allowed on the bus to & from school

STUDENTS WHO HAVE LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES NEED ALL OF US TO KEEP THEM SAFE

Return the Emergency (green) Cards ASAP:

Please be sure to complete and return the **Green Emergency Cards** to school as soon as possible. Remember to fill out **both sides** of the card. If there are any changes in emergency information during the school year, please call the nurse with an update.

Parents of 6th Grade Students:

Pennsylvania law requires that all students in sixth grade receive a physical examination. If you have not already done so, please have your child's doctor complete the physical exam report mailed to you in May and return it to the nurse as soon as possible. Blank forms can be printed from the student health services web page. It can be reached from the T/E district or TEMS home page under curriculum/services.

Medications in School

With cold and flu season fast approaching, we would like to take this time to remind you of the school district's medication policy. A doctor's order is needed for the nurse to dispense prescription and over the counter medications. Students are **not** permitted to carry over the counter or prescription medications to school. If any medication is to be given at school, a parent or guardian must deliver the medication to the nurse's office. We are not able to dispense medications brought to school by students. As always, medication must be in its original labeled container. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us provide safe care to your children.

More information on the district's medication policy can be found on our web site.

Health Screenings on Sept 13!

Vision, hearing, and height & weight screening is scheduled for **Monday, September 13, 2010**. In accordance with the PA state mandate, all students will have their vision tested, and height & weight measured. In addition, students in 7th grade have their hearing tested.

- **If your child wears glasses, please remind them to bring them to school for their vision test!**

Lice

With the start of a new school year, there is the possibility that head lice may be returning to school with the children. Head lice are not a health hazard; however, they can be quite a nuisance for families to deal with at home. Based on current recommendations from the American Association of Pediatrics and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the TESD has revised its practice of head lice management in the school setting.

1. Students with live lice will be sent home for treatment.
2. Students with live lice will be checked by the school nurse before returning to school.
3. Students with an infestation of nits should receive appropriate treatment at home as soon as possible.

The best way to control head lice is to prevent them! Remind your child not to share personal items such as combs, brushes, hats and other hair apparel. Check your child's head if he/she complains of an itchy scalp. If your child has been treated at home for head lice, please notify the school nurse