

Healthcare Services Annual Notice & Parent Exemption Option
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Dear Lebanon City Schools Parents and Caregivers,

The Lebanon City School District (the “District”) is committed to the health and well-being of all students. As part of our school health services, several physical and mental healthcare services are provided as part of this commitment. Some of these services are required to be provided by the School District under state law (as identified below), and others are optional services that we provide. This Notice is to inform you of the health care services offered within the School District, and whether your consent is required or not prior to the service.

Nursing & Healthcare Services

General Clinic Services

These include, but are not limited to, occasional visits for concerns such as first aid, emergencies, headaches, loose teeth, stomachaches, and unanticipated minor injuries. These services are generally provided without prior parental consent. Parents will be notified of any substantial change in a student’s use of these services, as required by state law.

Individual Healthcare Services

These are procedural services deemed necessary by a student’s physician and/or parent per a written medical plan, such as medication administration, tube feedings, diabetic care, asthma management, seizure management, and allergy management. These services are coordinated through physician orders provided by the parent in advance. No medication or individual healthcare services will be provided without prior parental consent.

State-Required Hearing and Vision Screenings

These screenings are offered to all students at no cost and are administered according to state guidelines. They are required annually for preschool and kindergarten students, and every other year for students in grades 1–12. Parents may choose to opt out of these screenings by notifying the school nurse via email.

Mental Health Services

Comprehensive School Counselor Services

- **Academic Services:** Course advising and scheduling, coursework management, setting educational goals, and post-secondary planning. These services are available to all students and do not require parent consent.
- **Emotional and Social Services:** Students can receive prevention programming such as counseling to support resilience, coping strategies, growth mindset development, peer conflict management, emotional regulation, and grief support without parental permission. If your child starts meeting with a counselor more often or for different reasons, parents will be notified as required by state law.
- **Behavioral Management Services:** Students may receive behavioral management services to support their learning through an IEP, Functional Behavioral Assessments (FBA), and Behavioral Intervention Plans (BIP). Services are provided by district staff members or by a Warren County Educational Service Center staff member. Formal assessments and plans will not be created or implemented without prior parent consent. Parent consent is not required for informal behavior plans created by teachers, counselors or administrators.

Mental Healthcare Services

- **School-Based Therapy:** Offered in partnership with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and MindPeace, providing access to mental health services within the school setting. Referrals can be made by parents, teachers, administrators, or school counselors. These services are not provided without prior parent consent, and all care is coordinated with parents and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center's staff. Similar services may also be accessed through private providers in the community or through your student's physician.
- **Medication Management:** On-site medication management is offered in partnership with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. These services are not provided without prior parent consent, and all care is coordinated with parents and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Parent/Guardian Consent Is Required For:

- Individual Healthcare Services (like medication or diabetes care)
- Mental Healthcare Services (like therapy)

An opt-out option is provided to parents for the State-Required Hearing and Vision Screenings. The screenings will be provided unless a parent/guardian has opted out via email to the school nurse. This must be completed separately for each child and must be completed annually. Parental consent to any services outlined in this Notice does not waive the parent's right to access the student's educational or health records or to be notified about a change in the student's services or monitoring as provided by law.

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