



## Zachary Community Schools School Nurse Department

Welcome to Zachary Community Schools. We are excited that you have chosen our school system, which is one of the fastest growing, top-rated districts in the state, to educate your child.

In order to provide the best care possible for your child while at school, it is important for us to be aware of any medical conditions that might affect them during school hours or any condition that requires medication or possible nursing assistance (e.g. asthma, seizure disorder, diabetes, severe allergies, etc.). If your child does not have any medical issues or does not require any medication at school, we only need your signature on the "HIPPA Policy" form to be returned to school.

If your child has special medical needs, please complete and sign the enclosed forms. In addition, if your child requires medication at school, you may pick up the state mandated medication packet at your child's school or you may download these forms from the district website ([www.zacharyschools.org](http://www.zacharyschools.org)) Go to top of the page to Departments>Academics>Student Support Services>School Nurses. Find the Medication packet on the left-hand side of the screen. Complete the form and return to your child's school. A parent will have to bring the medication to school to be checked and logged in. **Please note that medication of any kind, including over-the-counter medication, may NEVER be sent to school with your child and MUST be checked in by a parent along with the medication packet completed.**

Also, please ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date, and that his/her school has an updated copy. This is required by Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and must be on file for your child to attend school.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to caring for your child.

Zachary Community School District School Nurses

# HIPAA POLICY

## NOTICE OF USE OF PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

This notice describes how medical information about your child may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully:

We understand that any information we collect about your child and their health is personal. Keeping your child's health information private is one of our most important responsibilities. We are committed to protecting their health information and following all laws about its use. You have the right to discuss your concerns with the system's Privacy Officer about how their health information is shared. The law says:

1. We must keep student's health information from others who do not need it.
2. You may ask us not to share certain health services information with others. However, occasionally certain situations prohibit us from complying with a request as such.

Your child may receive certain services from nurses, therapists, social workers, doctors, or other health-care related individuals. They may see, use, and share your child's health or medical information to determine any plan of treatment, diagnosis, or outcome of the said information as described in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or other plan document. This use may cover such health services your child had before now or may have later.

We review such health services information and claims to make sure that you get quality services and that all laws regarding providing and paying for such health services are followed. We may also use the information to remind you about services or to inform you about treatment alternatives. In addition, we may also use the information to obtain payments for such services as a result of the Medicaid program. We must submit information that identifies you and your child, your child's diagnosis, and the type of services provided to your child for reimbursement by Medicaid.

We may share your health care information with teachers through health plans, with insurance companies and/or government programs in order for our school system to be reimbursed for such health care or medical services rendered during the school day.

As a general rule, you may request to see your child's health information. However, the request may not include psychotherapy notes or information being gathered for judicial proceedings. There may be legal reasons or safety concerns that would limit the amount of information that you may see. You may ask in writing to receive a copy of your child's health information. We may ask for payment for copying costs.

If you suspect some of your child's health information is wrong, you may ask in writing that we correct or amend it and you must provide the appropriate documentation, if applicable, from your child's physician in order to verify it.

You may request in the form of a signed 'Authorization of Release of Information' that any health information be sent to others who have received your child's health information previously from us. In addition, you may also request a comprehensive list of any recipients of such information. At any time, you may stop or limit the amount of information being shared by informing us in writing.

Note: A child 18-years old or older can give consent for his or her health information to be shared by signing an 'Authorization of Release of Information'.

In certain situations, we are mandated to abide by laws pertaining to sharing particular health information regarding your child, even if an 'Authorization of Release of Information' is not signed. We always report:

1. Contagious diseases, birth defects, and cancer;
2. Firearm injuries and other trauma events;
3. Reactions to problems with medicines or defective medical equipment;
4. To the police or other governmental agencies when required by law;
5. When a court orders us;
6. To the government to review how our programs are working;
7. To Worker's Compensation for work related injuries;
8. Date of birth and immunization information;
9. Abuse, neglect, and domestic violence, if related to child protection or vulnerable adults; or
10. To parents and other designated by law.

We may also share health care information for permitted research purposes and for matters concerning serious threats to public health or safety. Furthermore, if the health information falls within the FERPA definition of "education record", it will not be considered private health information under HIPAA, and therefore, will not be regulated by HIPAA.

If you have any questions about this notice of privacy rights or feel that such rights have been violated, you may contact:

Zachary Community School Board Office  
(225) 658-4969 telephone  
3755 Church Street, Zachary, LA 70791

You can also complain to the federal government Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) or to the HHS Office of Civil Rights. Your health care services will not be affected by any complaint made to the Zachary Community School Board, Secretary of Health and Human Services, or Office of Civil Rights.

You may ask for additional copies of our HIPAA policy at any time. The following link provides additional information regarding HIPAA and FERPA relevant to student health records.

[https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/10/handout\\_hipaaferpa.pdf](https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/10/handout_hipaaferpa.pdf)