

Dear Parent/ Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of the procedure regarding student medication and nursing services on field trips. In an effort to comply with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Medical Practice Act, the Pharmacy Act, and the Professional Nursing Law the Springfield School District has adopted the following procedure to address changes and updates in the law. The impact of these changes in the law may translate to increased costs incurred by both the school district and families.

The laws of the Commonwealth and School Code no longer permit nurses to delegate the administration of medication, including Benadryl, to non-licensed personnel (except epi-pen for severe allergic reactions). The following procedure requires that field trips not be scheduled until the medication administration and/or scheduled nursing needs of students have been addressed prior to the trip.

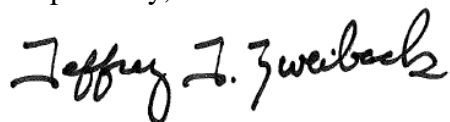
In order to comply with School Code and State Law, the Springfield School District provides the following options to families in regards to medication administration and scheduled nursing services on field trips.

1. A licensed RN or LPN may attend the trip to administer medication or provide scheduled nursing support; or.
2. Parents may grant a waiver to the district for the administration of the medication or scheduled nursing support during the field trip hours. (Waivers are located on the individual field trip permission form; or.
3. If space is available for additional parent chaperones, the student's parent /guardian may attend the trip to administer medication. If space is available given the specific nature of the field trip, the principal, or designee, will contact the parent directly presenting this option.

If the scheduled field trip does not interfere with the medication distribution or scheduled nursing support of students in attendance, the trip may occur without a nurse in attendance. In this instance, as we have done on all prior trips, school personnel will bring a standard medical kit on the trip including an emergency epi-pen to address student needs.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while we further work to provide a safe and caring educational experience for all children within the Springfield and Morton communities.

Respectfully,



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