

SICK DAY POLICY

If your child is to be absent or tardy from school, please inform the school as soon as possible. If it is to be a prolonged absence or your child will be having surgery, please submit a written note from the Primary Care Physician with the reason for the absence, when the child will return to school, and accommodations that your child may need upon his/her return.



CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL NURSES

Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir School
978-346-8210

Helen R. Donaghue School
978-346-8115

Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School
978.372-8856 Ext. 103

Dr. John C. Page School
978-363-2671 Ext. 3

Pentucket Regional Middle School
978-363-2957

Pentucket Regional High School
978-363-5507 Ext. 111



OUR MISSION

The Pentucket Regional School District seeks to inspire its students with a love of learning and to enable them to develop their academic potential and individual talents in an atmosphere that cultivates independent thinking. We will prepare our students to develop respect for others and to be responsible citizens of a global society.

OUR VALUES

Respect
Accountability
Integrity
Opportunity

Schools in the Pentucket Regional School District are dedicated to providing an up-to-date and challenging curriculum at each grade level. These curriculum brochures represent an overview of the comprehensive competencies at each grade level and in each subject and/or specialist area. Students and parents are able to review the rich curriculum offered in our District.

Pentucket Regional School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or age.



Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir School
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Merrimac, MA 01860
Tel: 978-346-8319/Fax: 978-346-7844
Grades Pre K-2

Helen R. Donaghue School
2 Union Street Extension
Merrimac, MA 01860
Tel: 978-346-8921/Fax: 978-346-7839
Grades 3-6

Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School
253 School Street
Groveland, MA 01834
Tel: 978-372-8856/Fax: 978-521-8956
Grades Pre K-6

Dr. John C. Page School
694 Main Street
West Newbury, MA 01985
Tel: 978-363-2671/Fax: 978-363-2234
Grades Pre K-6

Pentucket Regional Middle School
20 Main Street
West Newbury, MA 01985
Tel: 978-363-2957/Fax: 978-363-2720
Grades 7-8

Pentucket Regional High School
24 Main Street
West Newbury, MA 01985
Tel: 978-363-5507/Fax: 978-363-2730
Grades 9-12

Central Services
Office of the Superintendent
Office of the School Committee
22 Main Street
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NURSING SERVICES GRADES PRE K-12



PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Groveland
Merrimac
West Newbury

Pentucket ... a culture of continuous learning

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

School Health services help to facilitate and maximize a child's health and learning. The role of the School Nurse has expanded over the past century. As the health services provider, the School Nurse role now encompasses the following:

- Provides acute, chronic, and emergency care
- Infectious Disease Control
- Health and nutritional counseling
- State mandated screenings
- Medication administration and evaluation
- Immunization monitoring
- Comprehensive and appropriate health education to children, parents and staff
- Skilled Nursing care and case management of children with special needs
- Ensures access to appropriate use of primary health care services and health insurance

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

If a child becomes ill at school the Nurse will make every effort to notify the parent to make arrangements to take the child home. Injuries at school, if severe, will be handled as an emergency situation and an ambulance will be called to take the child to the nearest emergency room. The parent will be notified immediately if an ambulance is called.



MEDICATION POLICY

The Pentucket School District medication policy complies with the State Board of Nursing and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidelines and is as follows:

- A parent and licensed provider **MUST** sign a consent form for regularly scheduled medications to be given in school
- For short-term medications (10 days or less) such as antibiotics, parental consent is required. The prescription on the original pharmacy supplied bottle is sufficient for physician consent
- Only a 30 day supply of medication should be brought to school by a responsible adult
- No child is permitted to bring medication to school, including over the counter drugs
- No medications will be accepted by the Nurse if brought to school in plastic bags or envelopes. Medication **MUST** be in the original container
- Under certain circumstances, and with parental consent, children are allowed to carry their inhalers and/or Epi-pens in school
- Contact the School Nurse for the forms and further information if medication is necessary during school hours



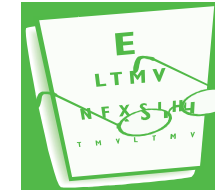
STATE MANDATED SCREENINGS

- Postural Screening, Grades 5-9
- Vision, Grades K-5, 7 & 11
- Hearing, Grades K-3, 7 & 11
- Height and Weight Screening, Grades K-9 & 11
- Physical Examinations:

Required in Grades K, 4, 7 & 10

Required yearly if participating in high school sports

Required for all new students who enter the District



STATE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 76, Section 1 states all students must present proof of the following immunizations before they are allowed to enter the school: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Hepatitis B, Varicella or physician-certified disease history, Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus. Medical or Religious exemptions are accepted **ONLY** according to state guidelines. New recommendations include a Pertussis vaccine for adolescents age 12 and over, a Meningitis vaccine for all students grades 9-12, and an HPV vaccine for girls ages 11 and older.

*As immunization requirements change periodically, please check with your Primary Care Physician or School Nurse for further information.



WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

Parents are asked to notify the School Nurse immediately:

- If your child has a contagious disease (such as chicken pox, flu or strep throat)*
- If your child has an open wound or any skin rash **NOT** diagnosed by a physician
- If your child has a fever that causes chills, sweating, or muscle aches **OR** a temperature over 100° F within the past 24 hours
- If your child has been vomiting or has had diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- If your child has green-yellow drainage from the eyes, ears, or nose or a persistent productive cough
- Students with active infestations of head lice will be excluded from school until they have received effective treatment (including the removal of nits) and they have been assessed by the School Nurse



*Early notification of a child's infectious disease enables the school to minimize exposure to others.