



## Important Medical Information

Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for choosing Takoma Academy Preparatory School! Welcome to all new and returning students! As we look forward to a healthy school year, please be reminded of the following information:

All health histories, medication orders and emergency care plans must be completed and submitted on admission each school year. Please read this notice completely. Contact the school if you have further questions.

**Physicals:** All new students, Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades need a physical exam (PE) on admission. Please use the form provided by the school. Lead (mandatory for Kindergarten and first grade), vision and hearing screenings should be included in the physical examination. Please be sure to remind your health care provider of the screenings to include in order to prevent repeat visits.

All students participating in sports need to have a physical or sports physical on file. Parents are responsible for completing the health history (part 1) of the physical form.

**Vaccinations:** Each student must complete the required immunizations in order to attend TA Prep. Please be sure your child is up to date on all vaccinations. All students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade must have had their Meningococcal and Tdap vaccine. This vaccine or any that are missing, must be received on admission or before the first day of school.

\* If you have a medical or religious reason to object to vaccinations, you must submit the appropriate signed document before the start of the school year. Please be reminded that during an epidemic of disease designated by the CDC or local department of health, your child will be excluded until the event is cleared by the local health department.

**Student Health History and Life Threatening Conditions:** If your student has a significant health history, life threatening allergies or special medical concerns please notify the school. A student with a life-threatening condition (defined as “a health condition that will put a child in danger of death during the school day if a medication or treatment order and a nursing plan are not in place”), should have plan of care in place developed by your health care provider. This includes asthma, diabetes, seizures, and anaphylaxis.

## **Medication at School- Forms available at the nurse's office**

When a child requires medication, in most cases this can be given at home, outside the regular school hours. However, if your child must receive medication in order to be in school, you will need to submit an Authorization to Administer Medication form, completed by a DMV licensed healthcare provider (LHP) and parent/guardian. This form must include the parent and physicians' signature and office stamp. No medication will be administered in school without BOTH the parent's/guardian's signature and a signed order from their health care provider.

1. Medication forms are only acceptable for 1 school year regardless of when the form was obtained from your physician's office.
2. All over the counter (OTC) medication, require an Authorization to Administer Medication order form. No medication will be given without this authorization.
3. ALL medications must be brought directly to the school by a parent/guardian in the original pharmacy-labeled bottle; Please do not send medication to the school via your child. It will not be accepted. Over the counter medications need to be in their original package.
4. All medication must be picked-up by a parent/guardian on the last day of school. Medication not retrieved will be destroyed after the last day. It cannot be kept until the following school year.
5. DIABETICS - We must have a Diabetic Care Plan on file from your physician. Even if you only monitor glucose levels but do not take insulin. Medical orders are necessary to treat diabetic students in emergencies. Please send additional supplies/snacks in case of lock-down or shelter-in-place emergencies.

### **\*\* EPI-PENS and RESPIRATORY RESCUE INHALERS ONLY \*\***

Students may self-carry or self-administer Emergency medication (applies only to rescue inhalers or epi-pens) with signatures of authorization from the Health Care Provider and Parent. The Doctor and parent signatures must be included on the Authorization to Administer Medication form. A 2<sup>nd</sup> rescue inhaler/Epinephrine is recommended to remain at school to serve as a "back-up" in case your student forgets to bring it or loses their medication.

Please call or email with questions!

Thank you!

Main office: (301)422-3858

### **Forms to Download**

#### **All Students**

[Physical Form](#)

[Immunizations](#)

[Blood Lead Testing](#)

#### **Allergies**

[Medication Authorization](#)

[Anaphylaxis Management](#)

[Allergy Care Plan](#)

#### **Asthma**

[Medication Authorization](#)

[Asthma Action Plan](#)

#### **Diabetes**

[Medication Authorization](#)

[Diabetes Management Plan](#)

#### **All Medications (prescribed or over the counter)**

[Medication Authorization](#)

#### **All Medical Treatments (ex. Nebulizer)**

[Prescribed Treatment Authorization](#)