Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the new school year. We would like to take this opportunity to acquaint you with the Canyons School District Nursing Services and offer helpful information to help you prepare for this school year. We have 21 school nurses throughout the district. Our role is to support student success by identifying and providing appropriate intervention for acute and chronic health conditions. Each school nurse is assigned to cover the health needs for one to three schools and has a wide variety of responsibilities. Below are some frequently asked questions.

**Q. Will my child receive a vision screening?**

1. Students may receive a Tier 1 or Tier 2 vision screening. Tier 1 vision screening is a distance vision screening, while Tier 2 vision screening is a more in-depth assessment that may include screening for near and distance, eye focusing, tracking, color vision, and convergence ability. If any concerns are identified or your student does not pass the vision screening, you will be notified in writing.

If you prefer **not** to have your student’s vision screened, you must complete the Canyons School District Vision Screening Opt Out form. This form must then be submitted to the main office at your student’s school before the date of the scheduled fall vision screening. This form is available at [www.canyonsdistrict.org](http://www.canyonsdistrict.org); select ***About | Departments | Nursing Services***. Scroll to locate the *Vision Opt Out* form. Parents may also contact the school office for this form.

**Q. What is an Individualized Health care Plan (IHP)?**

1. An IHP is an individualized document developed by the school nurse and parent/guardian that provides information about a student’s medical condition with instructions for care and how to respond in an urgent or emergent situation when applicable. IHPs are written to educate school personnel of student health care needs that must be addressed during the school day.

**Q. How can I get a health care plan for my child?**

1. Contact the school office or assigned school nurse for assistance.

**Q.** **What if my child needs medication while at school?**

1. Elementary school students must have a completed *Medication Authorization Form* on file before medication can be administered or self-carried in the elementary setting. This form is available at [www.canyonsdistrict.org](http://www.canyonsdistrict.org); select ***About | Departments | Nursing Services****.*Scroll to locate*Medication Authorization Form.* Parents can also contact the school office for this form.

Secondary school students may carry and self-administer up to a 12-hour dose of a non-narcotic medication. If the student requires assistance from the school to administer the medication, a *Medication Authorization Form* must be completed and on file in the school office.

**Q. How can I access the School Nurse?**

1. You can obtain the name of your school’s nurse by contacting the school office or online at [www.canyonsdistrict.org](http://www.canyonsdistrict.org) and select ***About | Departments | Nursing Services***.

We hope this is a healthy and successful year for your child. Please take a moment to visit our website at [www.canyonsdistrict.org](http://www.canyonsdistrict.org) and select ***About | Departments | Nursing Services***where we offer many health resources, policies and forms. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Canyons School District Nursing Services