



## Cherokee Charter Academy Health/Safety and Medication Information

CCA recognizes a healthy student is a better student! The purpose of healthy school protocols is to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students. It is especially important to communicate any illness or condition that your child has that may require medical support during the school day.

### Student Emergency Information

Each parent should fill out a Student Health Emergency Card. This card will be the way we reach you in the case of an emergency at school. **If at any time ANY of this information should change, please notify our front office staff and teacher immediately. Having the correct contact information is imperative.**

### Medication Policy

All medication must be delivered to the front office by a parent/guardian. It is against school policy for a student to carry **ANY** medication on their person without prior approval from school administration or designated staff members. All medication will be maintained in a locked location. Violations of the medication policy will be dealt with sternly. Medication needed on field trips is also covered by this policy and will be administered by a designated CCA employee.

### For your child's safety, please remember:

1. All prescription and over the counter medication must have written parental and physician's authorization before the medication can be administered at school.
2. All prescriptions and over the counter medication must be administered as labeled.
3. All prescriptions and over the counter medication must be brought to school by a parent/guardian and given directly to front office staff or designated staff members.
4. Parents are responsible for knowing the expiration date of any medication brought to school and replacing medication before the expiration date.
5. All medication must be in the original container.
6. Designated staff members will only administer FDA approved medications.
7. If your child misses a morning dose of medication at home, please come to the front office to administer the missed dose.
8. CCA understands the need for some children to self-carry and self-administer certain medications. The parent/guardian, physician, and designated staff must all sign the Self-Carry/Self-Administer Form. Medications that are approved to self-carry and self-administer are asthma inhalers, insulin, and EpiPens. Medication must be in the original packaging and appropriately labeled.
9. If your child has been identified as having either lice or nits, they will not be allowed to remain on campus until they are completely lice free and nit free.
10. If your child has a fever of 101 degrees or higher by mouth or 100 degrees or higher under the arm, please keep your child home. Your child can return to school with a parent note when they are fever free for at least 24 hours **without the use of fever-reducing medication.**
11. If your child is diagnosed with Streptococcal Pharyngitis (Strep Throat), they can return to school with a medical note 24 hours after starting antibiotics and being fever free.
12. If your child has vomited more than once in a 24-hour period, please keep your child at home.

### Contacting Parents

We will attempt to contact a parent/guardian if your child needs to go home. It is important for your contact information to be current at all times.

1. You will not be notified if your child goes to the office for ice for a minor nose bleed or a Band-Aid to treat a minor scrape or abrasion.
2. You will be notified by a teacher or staff member if your child needs ice for swelling, has a bump, bruise, cut, or concerns that need to be addressed.
3. We cannot address concerns if your child does not inform us.

## SC State Immunization Requirements

According to South Carolina state law, a child cannot be admitted to any school without a valid SC Certificate of Immunization or a medical, religious, or special exemption at the time of school entrance. Students entering from another South Carolina school must submit an immunization record at registration.

Students from out-of-state may obtain a special exemption and have thirty (30) days to obtain a valid SC Certificate of Immunization record from a healthcare provider or from the Health Department.

Students that do not meet immunization requirements will not be allowed to remain in school. Complete immunization information can be found on the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) website.

If your child does NOT have a valid certificate, take his/her shot records to your physician or the County Health Department. Should additional shots be required, a parent or adult authorized by the parent must accompany a student under the age of 16.

Immunizations required by SC law are Tetanus containing vaccine (DTaP, DT, or TD), Polio, Measles (two doses), Rubella (German Measles), and Mumps. Hepatitis B Immunizations are required for children entering all grades. The Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine or history of the disease is required for all children admitted to K5 through 12th grade.

Starting in the 2020-2021 school year, all K5 children will need **TWO** Varicella vaccines that are at least four weeks apart with one dose on or after the first birthday.

### Vision Screening

Students may be screened for distance vision problems. If your child does not pass the screening, he/she will be tested again. If he/she does not pass the second screening, you will be notified that your child needs further evaluation by a physician or optometrist.

### Hearing Screening

Students may be screened for hearing problems. If your child fails this screening, he/she will be tested again at a later date. If he/she does not pass the second screening, you will be notified.

### Partners for Healthy Children

Partners for Healthy Children is an insurance program offered by the state to low-income families for children under 19 years old. If you are interested in the program, you can call 1-800-549-0280.

### Safe Access to Vital Epinephrine (SAVE) Act

The Safe Access to Vital Epinephrine (SAVE) Act allows schools to store supplies of epinephrine auto-injectors for identified school staff to use in emergencies for children with allergic reactions. Parents and guardians of children with known allergies should continue to provide Epi-Pens for their children. These children will continue to have Allergy Action Plans.

Please sign the CCA Signature Page stating that you have read and understand this information.