



HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Health Room Policies

Our school strives to support each student to achieve success throughout the school year. Please carefully review the health room policies as they are in place to protect your child's health, safety and wellbeing. The policies are also required by our governing school district and/or the state. All health room authorization forms are located on the school website. Please contact the school nurse to discuss any medical needs that may affect your child while at school.

Emergency Contact Information

Each school year, your child will be given an Emergency Information sheet to be completed by a parent. Please complete it in entirety as this information is very important. This will be the only way the school can reach you in an emergency. When the emergency information changes, please inform the school and nurse immediately.

Contacting Parents

If your child comes to the Health Room and needs to go home, we must contact a parent or legal guardian. The school cannot send a student home with anyone until a parent has been notified. The student's emergency information must be current at all times. If your child has an emergency or needs immediate care that cannot be provided at school, those contacts listed on the Health Card will be called. When the school cannot reach a parent, the emergency contacts will be called. Please understand that this is for your child's protection.



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Illness Policy

Please review the documents, [Staying Home from School or Childcare When Your Child Is Sick](#) and/or the [School Exclusion List](#), to see specific details on when to keep your child home due to illness. Students exhibiting signs of contagious or infectious illness will be excluded from school until appropriate time to return. Students with illnesses that require treatment from a health care provider will need to provide documentation from the provider upon return to school.

South Carolina Immunization Requirements

A child may not attend school without a valid SC Certificate of Immunization or a medical, religious, or special exemption. If your child does not have a valid immunization certificate, the parent must take his/her records to the physician or the county Health Department for validation. A parent or adult authorized by the parent must accompany a student under 16 who requires shots. The child's immunization record must be submitted to the school before the beginning of school. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurses by phone at 864-469-7571 or email Nicole Vickery (Nvickery@greermiddlecollege.org) or Kim Hall (Khall@greermiddlecollege.org).

Medication Policy

Students are required to submit a written and signed parental and/or physician authorization form for each medication to be administered at school. Please refer to the school's website or contact the school nurse for the appropriate authorization forms. Medication must be delivered by the parent or guardian to the school nurse or designee. All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) must be maintained in the health room and administered by the school nurse or designee. All medications must be FDA approved. Students are not permitted to carry/deliver medication to school. Students are not allowed to self-administer prescription or over-the-counter medications at school unless authorized by a physician, parent or guardian and approved by the school to treat life-threatening conditions. Any violation of this can lead to disciplinary action. Medication required for field trips must be given to and administered by an employee of the school as designated by the principal. The health room supply of medication will not be used for field trips. There are separate permission forms for medications on field trips.



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For your child's safety AND the safety of others, please remember:

- 1. ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION** must have written and signed parental and physician authorization before medication can be administered at school. Prescription medications should be delivered in their original, labeled container from the pharmacy.
- 2. ALL OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS** must have written and signed parental authorization before medication can be administered at school. Over-the-counter medications should be delivered in their original, unopened container. Any over the counter medication given daily for longer than 10 consecutive days requires a physician's authorization.
- 3. MEDICATIONS APPROVED FOR SELF-MEDICATION AND SELF-MONITORING** are inhalers for students with asthma, insulin (pumps or injections) for diabetic students, and Epi-Pens for severe allergic reaction. Independent self-administration/monitoring of these medications also requires written authorization from the physician, parent, and approval from the school. The school may refuse to allow for a student to self-administer medication or self-monitor (unsupervised) if that student is endangering their safety or the safety of another student by the misuse of their medication/medical device.
- 4. ALL MEDICATION** (prescription and over-the-counter) can only be administered as labeled and must be FDA approved. The school nurse/school designated person can legally administer FDA approved medication only. Medication must be brought to school by a parent or legal guardian and given directly to the school nurse or designated school personnel. Students cannot deliver these to the health room. We do not administer or allow CBD oil at school.
- 5. PARENTS** are responsible for picking up expired medication and any medication left at the end of the school year. Medication that remains at the end of the year will be destroyed. The school nurse/ school designated person will not administer any medication past the expiration date. Parents must know the expiration date of any medication brought to school and replace medication before the expiration date.

Please contact the school nurse or school administration with any questions or concerns regarding your student's health or to discuss the health room policies. Thank you for your support!

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