



June 4th is the last day of school for our students. Have a great, safe summer vacation!!!

# From the RCHS Staff Have a GREAT Summer



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# \*Important\* || Vaccinations || NEW Requirements! 2024-2025

~WRPS Nurses~

Instead of waiting until your child's yearly wellness check, you can schedule a "nurse only" visit for needed vaccinations. NEW requirement changes per the Wisconsin Department of Health Services are starting in the 2024-2025 school year. PLEASE, read all of the information. For full information on the new immunization requirements visit this link Immunization Requirements.

### \*NEW\* Required Immunizations

\*\*The change will go into effect for school-age children at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

#### For entry to kindergarten through seventh grades, students need:

- 4 doses of polio vaccine
- 3 doses of he patitis B
- 4 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT/TD
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox)\*
- 2 dases of MMR
- 1 Tdap at seventh grade

\*NEW\* - 1 MenACWY-containing vaccine at seventh grade\*\*\*

#### For entry to 12th grade

#### \*NEW\* - 1 MenACWY-containing booster (2nd dose in series)\*\*\*

Note: A second dose of MenACWY-containing vaccine should be administered between the ages of 16 and 18 years to students who received the first dose of MenACWY-containing vaccine between the ages of 11 and 15 years. A second dose is <u>not</u> required for students who received their first dose of the MenACWY-containing vaccine at age 16 years or older.

\*Parents or adult students may still claim a personal conviction, medical, or religious waiver for these new requirements.

#### \*NEW\* MenACWY

\*\*\*Starting with the 2024/25 school year students entering 7th grade and 12th grade will need to provide documentation of receiving the MenACWY-containing vaccine. Students entering grades 8 -11 during the 2024/25 school year will not be affected, and will not be required to have documentation of MenACWY. Students entering 12th grade will need two MenACWY vaccines and those entering 7th grade will need one MenACWY. Those 12th graders who received their first dose of a MenACWY-containing vaccine at age 16 or older are not required to have a booster, only the first MenACWY-containing vaccine. Families are able to sign medical, religious, or personal conviction waivers for this requirement.

#### \*NEW\* Varicella

Starting with the 2024/25 school year and moving forward in subsequent years, any new enterer in early childhood, 4K, or students K-12 who are claiming an exception to the varicella vaccination requirement because they had chickenpox disease will need to meet the verification requirement of such disease. This verification must be provided by a qualified health care provider (M.D., D.O., N.P., or P.A.). New enterers means any student enrolling in a Wisconsin school for the first time. This typically means all pre-K and kindergarten students, and students transferring from an out-of-state (non-Wisconsin) school.

Students currently enrolled during the 2023/24 school year who have parental reports of chickenpox disease are not required to submit verification of such disease by a qualified health care provider unless the status of the student changes such as they move out of state and then re-enroll.

Parents may contact Wood County Public for information about the Immunization Clinicat 715-421-8911 to see if their child is eligible. See brockure for more information.

<u>English & Spanish Brockure</u>.

Please contact your school nurse with any questions.

\*\*If your child should <u>not</u> receive any current or new requirements, please discuss them with your child's doctor, and provide a signed waiver. The updated student immunization record form)waiver is available here: <u>Student Immunization Record.</u> You can also find this form on our WRPS website, under "FAMILIES", and "HEALTH INFORMATION," in the "IMMUNIZATIONS" link.

# **WRPS Pupil Nondiscrimination Statement**

## **Student Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment**

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids is committed to equal educational opportunity for all District students. The District will not deny any person admission to, participation in, or the benefits of any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's *gender*, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected under State or Federal civil rights laws.

The District strives to provide a safe, secure and respectful learning environment for all students in school buildings, on school grounds, and school buses and at school-sponsored activities. The District prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment.

The District encourages all students, as well as third parties, to promptly report incidents of discrimination or harassment to a teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee or official so that the District may address the conduct before it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent. Any teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee or official who receives such a complaint shall forward the complaint to the District's designated Compliance Officer without undue delay, but not later than two (2) business days. The District's designated Compliance Officer is the Director of Human Resources. Complaints should be submitted to:

Director of Human Resources
School District of Wisconsin Rapids
510 Peach Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

To review Board Policy 411 concerning Student Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment, go to <a href="https://www.wrps.org">www.wrps.org</a> and click on School Board Policy 411.

## **Bullying**

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids strives to provide a safe, secure and respectful learning environment for all students in school buildings, on school grounds, and school buses and at school-sponsored activities. The District consistently and vigorously addresses bullying so that there is no disruption to the learning environment and learning process.

Bullying is deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions, intended to cause fear, intimidation or harm. Bullying may be repeated behavior and involves an imbalance of power. The behavior may or may not be motivated by an actual or perceived distinguishing characteristic, such as, but not limited to: age; national origin; race; ethnicity; religion; gender; gender identity; sexual orientation; transgender status; physical attributes; physical or mental ability or disability; and social, economic or family status.

Bullying behavior can be:

Physical (e.g. assault, hitting or punching, kicking, theft, threatening behavior)

• Cyber bullying is the use of any electronic communication device to convey a message in any form (text, image, audio or video) that defames, intimidates, harasses or is otherwise intended to harm, insult or humiliate in a deliberate, repeated or hostile and unwanted manner under a person's true or false identity. Any communication of this form which disrupts or prevents a safe and positive educational environment may be considered cyber bullying. Cyber bullying is unacceptable and a violation of the District's technology acceptable use policy and procedures.

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Bullying behavior is prohibited in all schools, buildings, property and educational environments, including any property or vehicle owned, leased or used by the District. This includes public transportation regularly used by students to go to and from school. Educational environments include every activity under school supervision.

All school staff members and school officials who observe or become aware of acts of bullying are required to report these acts to the building principal. Reports of bullying may be made verbally or in writing and may be made confidentially. Learn more about Board Policy 411.5 concerning bullying on the District webpage under "School Board."

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