

BELLPORT HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope you are enjoying a healthy and relaxing summer. As we quickly approach the start of another school year, the items below provide valuable information in servicing your child's health care needs for the '18-19 school year. Please read each of the underlined items carefully.

Immunizations: New York State law and district guidelines require that immunizations must be completed or your child will be excluded from school. **Records must have a doctor's signature/stamp to be valid.**

School Physicals: New York State requires all new students and students entering **9th and 11th grade**, to have a **physical examination**. A valid physical is also necessary for **any** student wishing to obtain **Working Papers** and/or to **participate in school sports**. Any student requiring a physical exam who has **not** submitted a completed physical form **within 30 days from the start of school will be scheduled to have their physical by the school physician**. Physical forms are available in the health office and on the District Website @ www.southcountry.org.

Screenings: **NYS Law** requires school screenings for hearing and vision (Gr. 11 and new entrants) and scoliosis (Gr.9 male students). Upon completion of these screenings, you will be notified by letter if any further examination or follow-up by your child's physician is indicated.

Medications – **New York State** and district guidelines **require** a doctor's prescription and a signed permission slip for the dispensing or self-carrying of prescription and over-the-counter medication (**Tylenol, Motrin, antacids, etc.**) in school. ***The school nurse will NOT dispense any medication to students unless he/she has a doctor's written order on file giving specific instructions to do so.*** Orders must be renewed each school year. Medication Forms are available in the health office upon request. Medications that will be kept in school must be brought in and picked up by a parent/guardian.

Physical Education Excuses - Any serious injury or illness that restricts a student from physical education **requires a doctor's note**. The note must state the **reason** as well as the **duration** of time that the student will be excused. In addition, a **clearance note is required** in order for your child to resume physical education/sports activity. If the injury requires the use of crutches, elevator or mini bus services, a note from the doctor is required. **All** doctor's notes are to be brought into the health office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Health Office at 730-1580.
Best wishes for a healthy year.

Sincerely,

Laura Scalice, RN
School Nurse