

Up-to-date immunization records needed for school children

While back-to-school needs often include notebooks, pencils and paper, clothing, shoes, backpacks and lunch boxes, one of the top items required is an up-to-date immunization record for children in schools and child-care facilities.

Immunization requirements remain the same for the Immunization Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "TDH is deferring for one school year the requirement that students have a booster dose of tetanus and diphtheria (Td)." This 10-year booster is usually given to students at about age 14.

The action applies to Texas schools from July 1, 2001 to Aug. 1, 2002. Once the deferment is lifted, all students will be required to show proof of a Td booster. The deferment

is due to a national shortage of adult tetanus and diphtheria vaccine that resulted when one of the manufacturers discontinued production.

Vaccines required at various ages for children are polio; diphtheria; tetanus and pertussis or acellular pertussis (DTP/DaP); *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); chickenpox (varicella); and hepatitis B.

A hepatitis A vaccine requirement affects only children attending school or child-care facilities in 32 counties along the Texas-Mexico border. Children with proof of a previous hepatitis A infection do not need to be vaccinated.

All children attending public schools or licensed, certified or registered child-care facilities must have

the required immunizations for their age group completed by the first day of attendance. State law gives local school districts and child-care facilities

the option of allowing children to attend if at least one immunization in each series has been received, but the remaining required immunizations

must be received as soon as medically possible.

Children ages 5 and 6, for example, should have had the following immunizations to enter school:

- 3 doses polio vaccine, including one on or after the fourth birthday;
- 4 doses DTP/DaP vaccine, including one on or after the fourth birthday (proof of pertussis vaccination not required for children 5 years

or older);

- 1 dose MMR vaccine on or after the first birthday and one additional dose of measles vaccine that may be received as part of the second MMR;
- 3 doses hepatitis B vaccine;
- 2 doses hepatitis A vaccine (32 border counties only);
- 1 dose varicella vaccine on or after the first birthday for children born on or after Sept. 2, 1994.

ELMS Dress Code

The grooming and appearance of each student is the primary responsibility of the student and parent(s). The school staff must ensure that each student's appearance does not jeopardize the individual's health and safety nor that of others, and does not interfere with the teaching-learning process or create disorder or disruption in the school.

Provisions of the dress and grooming code shall be enforced equally with regard to all students. If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under the provisions stated in this policy, the administration shall request the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student is not in compliance with the Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) Dress Code, a disciplinary action will be taken, as stated in the Student Code of Conduct.

ELMS mandatory mode of dress

Rice Consolidated ISD has adopted a standard mode of dress for ELMS for the 2001-02 school year. Students are required to be in compliance with the mode of dress on the first day of school, Aug. 15.

The ELMS Mandatory Mode of Dress consists of the following:

Shirts: Two (2) types of shirts will be allowed: solid color collared polo-style or collared button front shirt/blouse in the following colors: white, navy, royal blue or light blue. Insignias or logos (other than RCISD Raider logos) on the shirt or short pockets are not allowed.

Either short or long sleeves are acceptable. Sleeveless shirts/blouses are not allowed. All shirts/blouses must be long enough to completely cover the midriff at all times and be tucked inside the student's pants, shorts or skirt.

Pants/shorts: Pants, slacks and shorts must be made of a twill material and must be either navy blue or khaki color. No denim or jeans are allowed. Pants and shorts should fit at the waist, not be baggy or sagging, or frayed at the bottom. Pants and shorts should fit at the waist and be regular fit (no wide-legs or baggy pants). The length of shorts should be no shorter than the bottom of the longest fin-

ger tip when the student is standing with arms relaxed at the side. **Belts must be worn when pants have belt loops.**

Skirts/jumpers: Girls may wear skirts, skirts or jumpers, either navy or khaki in color. No denim or jeans material is allowed. Skirts/jumpers may be straight, pleated or full, and skirts/shorts must be worn at the waist. Skirts/shorts/jumpers may be no shorter than the bottom of the longest fingertip when the student is standing with arms relaxed at the side.

Shoes: All students shall wear appropriate footwear for school activities. Thongs, flip-flops and house shoes are not appropriate for school. No open-toed or backless shoes will be allowed.

Sweaters/sweatshirts: Once the weather turns cool, a student may wear a cardigan sweater or sweatshirt (no oversized cardigans or sweatshirts) as part of the school uniform. A cardigan or sweatshirt may be only worn over a collared shirt either polo-style or button-front blouse/shirt. The collar must be visible. The cardigan or sweatshirt must be a solid color (navy, white, royal blue, or light blue). Insignias or logos (other than the Raider logos) are not allowed. Jogging, warm-up suits or wind-suit jackets are not allowed. No vests allowed.

Coats/jackets: Coats and jackets may be worn to and from school. During regular school hours, the coat or jacket shall remain in the designated storage area (a locked storage area with labeled coat racks will be set up). When the temperature drops below 32°F., the coat or jacket may be worn/carried by the student all day.

Dress and Grooming Code

1. Clothing must be neat and clean in appearance and appropriate to the student's gender, for example, boys may not wear earrings.
2. Hats, caps, headbands, bandannas, chains and hipcloths are not acceptable and are not allowed to be worn on school property or at school events. Rakes, picks and grooming combs may not be worn in the hair.

(See Dress, Page 12)

Rice CISD 2001-02 Calendar

First semester: Aug. 15 to Dec. 21; 92 days

Second semester: Jan. 8 to May 30; 95 days

Staff development/student holiday: Aug. 7-13; Oct. 8

Preparation days/student holiday: Aug. 14; Jan. 7; May 31

New staff inservice: Aug. 6

High school graduation: May 30

Reporting periods

1st six weeks: Aug. 15 to Sept. 21; 26 days

2nd six weeks: Sept. 24 to Nov. 2; 29 days

3rd six weeks: Nov. 5 to Dec. 21; 30 days

4th six weeks: Jan. 8 to Feb. 21; 32 days

5th six weeks: Feb. 25 to April 12; 28 days

6th six weeks: April 15 to May 30; 33 days

Total school days: 178

Preparation/inservice days: 9

Holidays

Labor Day, Sept. 3

Colorado County Fair Day, Sept. 14

Cluster Holiday, Oct. 8

Thanksgiving, Nov. 19-Nov. 23

Christmas, Dec. 24-Jan. 7

Student Holiday, Jan. 21

Spring Break, March 11-15

Easter Break, March 29-April 1

Student Holiday, May 3

Bad weather days, Feb. 22, May 3

Total Number of Holidays: 28

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ruler, large box Kleenex, 5 colored folders with brads and pockets, 2 wide ruled subject notebooks, box Ziploc bags, highlighter, pkg. baby wipes, 1 box map pencils (markers optional), 1 pocket folder (no brads).

Third grade: wide ruled notebook paper, #2 pencils, large eraser, 24 crayons, glue, scissors, wooden ruler, box facial tissues, 8 pocket folders with brads, highlighter, box Ziploc sandwich bags (gallon size), 8 colored pencils, 1 set dry erase markers, pkg. baby wipes, 1 red checking pencil, 3 three subject spiral notebooks.

Fourth grade: plastic school box, wide ruled notebook paper, #2 pencils, checking pencil, large eraser, 24 or more crayons, 24 map pencils, glue, ruler, pointed scissors, basic calculator (10 key Texas Instrument), two highlighters, 3 three subject spiral notebooks, 8 folders with brads and pockets, 1 box of tissues, pkg. baby wipes, 1 pkg. dry erase markers.

Fifth grade: 3-ring binder (1" or 1-1/2") with five dividers with tabs, erasers, 2 pkgs. notebook paper (not college rule), school box (not gigantic), ruler, scissors, 2 large glue sticks, box colored pencils, pens (blue or black), pencils, protractor, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, 2 red pens, 4 spiral notebooks (180 pages each), box washable markers, 4 folders with brads and pockets, 2 highlighters.

Six grade: 3-ring binder (one inch) with dividers and tabs for Math, 3-ring binder (two inch) with dividers and tabs for English, 3-ring binder (two inch) with dividers and tabs for Reading, 3-ring binder (two inch) with dividers and tabs for Social Studies, notebook paper, pens (red and blue or black), mechanical pencil, lead pencils, markers or crayons, spiral ruled index cards (4x6 or larger), 4 spiral notebooks (180 page), 8 colored folders with brads, colored map pencils, 4 manilla folders, 7 pocket folders with brads, wood 12 inch/metric ruler, scissors, Scotch tape, yellow highlighter, box Kleenex, Thesaurus.

Seventh grade: 3-ring binder (1 inch) with dividers and tabs for Math, 3-ring binder (two inch) with dividers and tabs for English, 3-ring binder (two inch) with dividers and tabs for Reading, 3-ring binder (two inch) with dividers and tabs for Social Studies, notebook paper, pens (red and blue or black), mechanical pencil, lead pencils, markers or crayons, spiral ruled index cards (4x6 or larger), 4 spiral notebooks (180 page), 8 colored folders with brads, colored map pencils, 4 manilla folders, 7 pocket folders with brads, wood 12 inch/metric ruler, scissors, Scotch tape, yellow highlighter, box Kleenex, Thesaurus.

Eighth grade: 3-ring binder (one inch) with dividers and tabs for Math, 3-ring binder (two inch) with dividers and tabs for English, 3-ring binder (two inch) with dividers and tabs for Reading, 3-ring binder (two inch) with dividers and tabs for Social Studies, notebook paper, pens (red and blue or black), mechanical pencil, lead pencils, markers or crayons, spiral ruled index cards (4x6 or larger), 4 spiral notebooks (180 page), 8 colored folders with brads, colored map pencils, 4 manilla folders, 7 pocket folders with brads, wood 12 inch/metric ruler, scissors, Scotch tape, yellow highlighter, box Kleenex, Thesaurus.

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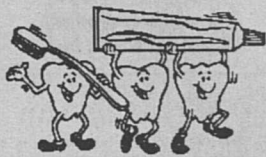
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