



2015-2016 School Year

Re: Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

The safety of our students is one of our most important concerns. Even so, accidents do happen and resulting medical treatment (ambulance transport, surgery, hospitalization, etc.) can be very expensive.

Please know that the Walnut Valley Unified School District **does not** assume responsibility for these costs. However, as a service to you and your child, your school has joined with 1,000s of others by offering you access to a low cost, voluntary purchase student accident/health insurance program. This program is arranged and administered by Myers-Stevens & Toohey & Co., Inc. a firm that has specialized in such coverage's for 40 years. Details and an enrollment form are in the accompanying brochure. Please read it carefully.

Several plans are offered and rates for the entire school year start around \$21 (*Dental Accident Plan*). You can limit coverage to school related injuries only (including sports) or opt for 24/7 protection. Also offered is a Student Health Care Plan (recommended if your child has no other health insurance) and a pharmacy discount program for your entire family. Whether your child has no other coverage or you want to "fill in the gaps" in other insurance, you will probably find an option to fit your needs.

Many options are available.

While you can seek care from any doctor or hospital, you'll also have access to an extensive network of medical providers with discounted charges. Seeking care through contracted providers may further reduce your out-of-pocket costs, particularly if your child needs surgery or hospitalization. **We strongly recommend the high option plans for students participating in interscholastic sports.**

To enroll, complete the enrollment form in full, select the plan(s) you want for your child, enclose the proper premium using a check, money order or credit card, seal and return as directed on the form. While your child is eligible to enroll at anytime, you are urged to consider early enrollment to get the maximum value from the plan(s) selected. **Note** – Once processing is completed, and ID card verifying coverage will be mailed home to you. Because many parents have expressed interest in much higher limits of coverage for their children, at that time you will also be sent information regarding a newly available Supplemental Catastrophic Injury Plan that can cover up to \$500,000/injury for up to five years.

If you have any questions, please call Myers-Stevens & Toohey & Co., Inc. at (800) 827-4695. Bilingual representatives are available for parents who need assistance in Spanish.

In order to document your having been notified of this matter, please sign and complete the bottom of this form and immediately send it back to the school with your child.

Sincerely,

Kina Mattoon
Walnut Valley Unified School District

As parent/guardian of _____, I understand that the School District does not provide medical insurance for student injuries but does make voluntary student insurance available. I have received the information on this program.

I will enroll my child in the program I will not enroll my child in the program

Signed _____ Date _____