

# BRUNSWICK CENTRAL SCHOOLS

BRITTONKILL

## HIPPA

The attached release of medical information has been sent home for your signature. We must have this release on file so that we can continue to exchange information with your child's primary care physician. The reason that we are adding this form to your child's file is that new federal regulations covering the release of medical information went into effect on 4/13/03.

The law that we are referring to is called HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996). This set of laws severely limits the information that can be released by your primary care physician unless signed releases accompany all requests for information. This includes such items as updated immunization records, physical forms, medication in school forms, physical education notes (gym), etc.

Without this signed authorization, your doctor's office will not be allowed to release this information to us resulting in your having to gather the information from your doctor and bringing it to us. This may delay the student from participating in certain activities, such as a sport, that would require your child's current physical to be recorded in our office prior to the beginning of tryouts for their chosen sport.

If you have any questions, please contact the Health office at 274-600 ext. 2012 (Elementary School) or ext. 2412 (Secondary School).

Sincerely,

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