

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Dear Parent,

Your children can best benefit from their educational program when they feel well enough to participate and are not infectious to other students and staff. Here are a few guidelines you can follow to decide if your child is well enough to attend school as well as school guidelines for sick children:

1. Fever—Any child with a temperature of 100* or more must be kept at home. Your child must be fever free (without the use of a fever reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school. Sick children may not ride the bus or walk home alone. Students will only be released to an adult listed on the emergency card.
2. Colds—Your child may attend school with a mild cold if he/she seems well and is fever free. However, a child with a severe cough belongs at home, even without a fever.
3. Infectious Diseases—Children with infectious diseases such as strep throat, pinkeye (conjunctivitis), scarlet fever, etc. must be on medication for a minimum of 24-48 hours before returning to school. Children with infectious skin diseases such as impetigo or ringworm must be on the appropriate medication for a minimum of 24 hours and must keep the affected area covered at school.
4. Rashes—A child with an **unidentified** skin rash may not be allowed at school, whether the rash is contagious or not. A doctor's note must be presented to the school explaining the rash.
5. Vomiting and Diarrhea—If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, please keep your child at home.
6. Medication—Students can receive medication at school **only if the physician and parent forms have been signed**. This applies to over-the-counter medications as well. Parents must bring the medication to the school in the original container or prescription bottle.
7. Chicken pox—Children who have chicken pox must wait until all the sores are scabbed over and dry (usually 5-10 days) before returning to school.
8. Lice—Any student found to have live adult lice will be excluded from school. Parents are responsible for bringing the empty lice shampoo bottle with you when returning your child to school.
9. Serious Injury – A student with a serious injury attending school with a cast, crutches, splint or wheelchair needs a note from the doctor outlining restrictions and activity level. This is so that the staff can be informed and precautions taken to prevent further injury.

The district nurses are always available if you have any questions about your children's health. Please contact your school nurse.