

D. HEALTH SERVICES

ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS

The giving of medicine during school hours is discouraged and is restricted only to medication, which cannot be given on an alternative dose schedule. The medicine must be accompanied by a label affixed by a pharmacy or physician showing the name of the child, the dosage, schedule of administration, what the prescription contains, the date purchased, and the physician's name. It is the responsibility of the parent to make sure medication is refilled when necessary.

The school does not administer over-the-counter medicine unless the parent/guardian sends it labeled, with a note from the doctor requesting the school to administer the medication.

Parents are welcome to come to school to administer medication to their children.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

A Pupil Data form is sent home the first week of school each year for parents to correct and update. This information is essential and often referred to when a child needs medical attention. **Please give the name and number of someone who can pick up your child in case of an emergency.** It is important to keep our office informed of any changes in the emergency information.

ILLNESS/INJURY

The school nurse examines ill or injured students. If the illness warrants the student being sent home, the parent/guardian will be notified. Please give the name and number of someone who can pick up your child in case of illness/injury if you are not able to be reached. If an injury is of a serious nature, the child will not be moved until an expert medical team is summoned.

Please review the following guidelines. **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF HE/SHE IS EXHIBITING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. If a rash is present that has not been evaluated by a physician.
2. If your child's oral temperature is higher than 100 degrees, or 1 or 2 degrees above the child's normal temperature. A child with such a fever should remain home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal.
3. If the child vomits and continues to experience nausea and/or vomiting.
4. If your child complains of severe, persistent pain, the symptom should be referred to a physician for evaluation.
5. If your child shows signs of upper respiratory infection (cold symptoms) serious enough to interfere with the child's school day.
6. If there are signs of conjunctivitis ("pinkeye") with matter coming from one or both eyes, itching, crusts on eyelids, the child should be evaluated by a physician.
7. If there are open sores (that are not cuts or scrapes) they should be evaluated by a physician.
8. If there are signs of infestation with lice (nits in the hair, itchy scalp) the child should be evaluated for treatment with a pediculicide.

All your child's special health problems must be recorded in his/her medical file. Also, when your child is ill with a communicable disease, please call the school so we can keep his/her medical file up to date. In case of a transfer, this medical record will be sent to the new school.

If your child is ill or injured and must be excused from physical education class for more than two days, the school needs a doctor's note stating no P.E. for the number of days he/she should be excused. Any child excused from Physical Education will not have outdoor recess for the duration of the excused absence.

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Missouri School Immunization Law requires immunization for all school children unless exempt for medical or religious reasons. A child cannot attend school without the proper immunizations. Please provide the school with a copy of all the immunization dates with month, day and year of each of the following:

1. Measles
2. Rubella
3. Hepatitis B
4. Mumps
5. Polio
6. Diphtheria
7. Tetanus
8. Pertussis

NURSE

The school district employs two registered nurses. The office for the elementary/intermediate school nurse is located in the elementary building. The phone number is 314-256-8623.