



STUDENT HEALTH

ILLNESS/ACCIDENT: In case of an accident requiring the services of a doctor, we request that parents keep us informed of any changes of address or phone numbers. We will make every effort to contact a parent before the child is taken to a doctor. If it is necessary for a student to go home because of illness, contagious health problem, or injury, the parent or person listed on the emergency card (if the parent cannot be contacted) will be requested to pick the child up in the office. Please remember that we cannot keep a seriously ill child at school. In the event of a serious illness or accident, DECS personnel will:

1. Contact parents when possible.
2. Contact other authorized persons listed on the child's emergency card, if possible.
3. Contact child's physician if above persons cannot be reached.
4. In extreme emergencies, an ambulance will be called, and the child will be taken directly to the hospital. The parents will be contacted.
5. We will keep an Authorization to Consent to Treatment of a Minor signed by you at the school. This allows the hospital to treat life threatening and non-life threatening conditions.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS: Current law requires all children to be immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough, red measles, tetanus and polio, mumps and German measles, prior to entering a classroom. State law also requires entering kindergarten students to have Hepatitis B vaccine. Children entering first grade must show evidence that they have received a complete health assessment within 18 months prior to entry or 90 days after entry to first grade.

STUDENT MEDICATION: Medical treatment is the responsibility of the parent and the family physician. Medications are rarely given at school. The parent is urged to work with the physician to plan a medication schedule for non-school hours. If it is an absolute necessity that medication be given at school:

1. We **MUST** have a written statement from the doctor "detailing the method, amount, and time schedule by which medication is to be taken" (EC 49423)
2. A signed release from the parents for the school to assist in administering medication.
3. Medication must be in a pharmacy container, labeled with the student's name; the name of the medication; proper dosage and instructions; name of the prescribing physician; name of the pharmacy or manufacturer who dispensed the medication.

Forms are available in the school office. (This is also the policy for over the counter drugs, such as aspirin, eye drops, cough drops, etc.) These forms must be renewed each school year.

EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL FOR HEALTH REASONS

State law requires that children be excluded from school for the following reasons:

1. Contagious health problem.
2. Lack of immunizations.