



Student Illness

When your child is ill, please contact the school to let us know he or she will not be attending that day. It is important to remember that schools are required to exclude students with certain illnesses from school for periods of time as identified in state rules.

A student with any of the following symptoms will be excluded from school until such time as the student is free of symptoms, has been satisfactorily treated or submits a signed physician statement that he/she is not contagious.

- Temperature of 100 degrees or more. The student must stay out of school until he/she is fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.
- Vomiting (not related to a single event such as gagging, mucus, running after eating) Students must be symptom free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.
- Diarrhea of two or more loose watery stools. Students must stay home until they are diarrhea-free without diarrhea-suppressing medications for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- Pink eye/conjunctivitis. Defined as pink or red conjunctiva with discharge. Not all conjunctivitis is contagious. The student must receive treatment for 24 hours before returning to school or provide a note from a health care provider stating that the condition is not contagious and that the student may return to school.
- Undetermined rash over any part of the body accompanied by fever
- Ringworm does not require exclusion if the infected area can be completely covered by clothing/bandage; otherwise students must be excluded until treatment has begun.
- Signs and symptoms of an acute illness.

If a student becomes ill during the school day, he or she must receive permission from the teacher before reporting to the school nurse. If the nurse determines that the child should go home, the nurse will contact the parent.

The district is also required to report certain contagious (communicable) diseases or illnesses to the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) or our local/regional health authority. The school nurse can provide information from TDSHS on these notifiable conditions.

Contact the school nurse if you have questions or if you are concerned about whether or not your child should stay home.