

## SCHOOL HEALTH POLICIES

**Absence:** Call the attendance line 913-993-4288 to report if your child will be tardy or absent. Phone mail is available 24 hours a day. Please call before 8:30 AM. We will make every attempt to contact you in the event that we haven't received a call or prior note to verify the absence. We want to be certain that all absent children are accounted for and safe.

**Illness:** To protect your child and to prevent illness from spreading, keep your child home if any of these contagious symptoms are present:

Temperature of 100 degrees or higher

Severe sore throat, headache, or cough

Undiagnosed rash or skin lesions

Diarrhea or vomiting

Red or discharging eyes

**\*\*Students must be free of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea – WITHOUT MEDICINE – for 24 hours before returning to school.**

**Contagious Illness:** Keep your child home and notify the nurse immediately so precautionary measures may be taken for those exposed. Contagious illness information will be posted on the Nurse's Web Backpack page as needed. Children diagnosed with strep throat should be on antibiotics 24 hours before returning to school.

**Lice:** Lice are ever present in the population at any given time. A good habit is to check your child's head weekly for lice and their nits(eggs). Please seek advice from your physician regarding treatment and remember to treat the home environment!

**Medication:** Students *may not* keep any medication in desks, backpacks, or pockets. All over-the-counter and prescription medicine should be brought directly to the school nurse and must be accompanied by the following information from *both parent and physician*.

**Parent – Over-the-counter medicine** (i.e., acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Tylenol, Advil, cough medicines, allergy medications, eye drops, throat sprays, etc.) must be sent in the original container and be accompanied by written parent permission (the OTC med form maybe obtained online or in nurse's office and must be renewed yearly).

**Physician – Prescription medicine** must be sent in the original container exhibiting a current prescription label indicating time and dosage. This will serve as the physician order.

**\*For controlled substances, the medication must be hand delivered** to the school nurse with a note from parent indicating the # of tablets or capsules sent (i.e., medications like Ritalin, Adderall, and Dexedrine).

**Injury:** Students who have a cast, stitches, crutches, or incapacitating injury must bring a note to the school nurse from the physician or emergency room detailing any limitation in school activities.

**Food Allergy:** If your child has a food allergy and requires meal modifications, the Form 19B may be obtained online or in the nurse's office and must be signed by physician and parent.

**Emergency Numbers:** Include a complete listing of emergency numbers where a parent/guardian can be reached in the event of illness, injury, or emergency. If there is a change in this information, call the school secretary so your child's records may be updated.

**#~#** Please communicate any concerns or ask questions if you need clarification or further information. We welcome your phone calls and want you to know that we have your child's best interest at heart. Their success and happiness at school is our top priority. We value your interest, input and support.

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