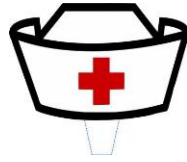


# Frequently Asked Questions for the School Nurse



## **\*How is my child accommodated if he/she has a health condition?**

All health conditions require a form to be filled out by both the parent and the child's physician. Certain health conditions will require a meeting before the start of school with the parents, nurse, teacher, and principal, so that everyone is aware of what provisions need to be made for your child (ex. Asthma, Diabetes, certain Allergies).

## **\*How are food allergies/dietary restrictions handled?**

All food allergies and dietary restrictions/special diet requests must be documented by the child's physician. Forms are available from the nurse. With doctor verification, the Café can be notified.

## **\*Can my child take medication at school?**

Yes. Any medication, whether it be prescription or over-the-counter, **MUST** be delivered to the office by the parent and a form filled out for each medication. **This includes cough drops.** Prescription medications must also have the form signed by the physician. **For the safety of all children, PLEASE DO NOT SEND MEDICATION WITH YOUR CHILD!**

## **\*Do I notify school if my child is going to be absent?**

Yes, please enter in Skyward by 10 a.m. EACH day the student will be absent. Make sure to include in the comment box the reason the child is absent. If the child went to the doctor, please send a physician's release for the absence to be excused. Students must be vomit, diarrhea, and fever-free (a fever is considered 100 degrees or higher) for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the use of fever-reducing medications (Tylenol, Advil), before returning to school. Example-student had a fever at noon, but by evening, temperature was normal without use of medication. The student must still remain at home the next day because the start of the school day is not 24 hours from the last fever. Social media should not be used to document absences and/or illnesses.

**\*I picked up my child from school due to illness. Can he/she return the next day?**

If the child had a fever of 100 degrees or higher, he/she cannot return the next day due to the 24-hour fever policy. Please make sure the child is vomit and diarrhea free for 24 hours before sending back to school.

**\*Can my child stay in for recess if he/she has been ill?**

Due to lack of indoor supervision during lunch, students may only stay in for recess with a written request from his/her physician. We go out for recess if the "real feel" is 20 degrees or higher.

**\*What if my child needs his/her clothing changed at school?**

Even though they are in kindergarten, students may still have bathroom accidents. They also frequently spill milk or water on their clothing and can get dirty on the playground. The school supply list requires that all students keep a change of clothing in their backpack. A call home to parents to bring clothing will be necessary if students do not have extra clothing in their backpack. Remember to have clothing in their backpacks that is appropriate for the season. Please work with your child over the summer on changing their clothes independently!

**\*What immunizations does my child need to start school?**

There is a list of the CDC-required immunizations in the folder. ALL IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, PER INDIANA CODE 20-8.1-7-10.1. The office will be open until June 10<sup>th</sup> and will re-open July 25<sup>th</sup>, so please submit these records as they become available. Our fax number is 219-942-0249 if you or your physician would like to fax them. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL UNTIL IMMUNIZATIONS ARE COMPLETE.

**Please feel free to call me with any changes in health status or with any questions or concerns. We strive to keep children in a healthy environment and provide them with the best possible care!**

Sincerely,

School Nurse