



# ALBERTVILLE

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## CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

### Healthcare and illness guidelines

Cold and flu season are upon us once again. Albertville City Schools follows illness guidelines and would like to send a friendly reminder of our policies to parents and caregivers. We want your child to be in school to learn as much as possible, but to prevent widespread outbreak of illness please keep the following in mind:

- **Fever:** If your child has a fever of 100.4 or above, then he/she should remain at home until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or ibuprofen. If your child is sent home from school due to fever, the nurse has excused that school day. Subsequent days will need a parent or doctor's excuse.
- **Vomiting/Diarrhea:** Your child should not attend school if they have had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- **Undiagnosed Rash:** Your child should not attend school until the rash has been diagnosed by a physician and treated if necessary.
- **Pink Eye:** Pink eye is contagious. Your child must be treated before returning to school.
- **Common Sense:** There are times when your child just looks and feels like he/she is too sick to learn in school.

### School excuses upon returning to school:

**The State of Alabama requires a written note on file; each note must contain the following:**

- Child's full name
- Date to be excused
- Reason for absence
- Phone number to contact parent/guardian
- Signature of parent or doctor

**Albertville City Schools Procedure for School Excuse submission:**

- (Five) parent notes per semester that will excuse one (1) day per parent note will be accepted. (If a student is out more than 1 day, a parent note for each day will be required until all parent notes are used).
- After the student has used five (5) parent notes for absences in the semester, a doctor's note will be required.
- Three (3) parent notes per nine weeks for check ins/check outs will be accepted. (Parent notes for check ins and outs are not counted against parent notes for absences. The excuse and/or necessary documentation must be submitted within three days (72 hours) after returning to school or the absence is unexcused.