



Exclusion from School Protocol

The guidelines below have been developed for the exclusion of students who have or are suspected of having a communicable illness. These regulations are in conformance with the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Center for Disease Control.

To protect all students and staff from communicable illnesses, the school administrator/ principal shall exclude from attendance any child having or suspected of having a communicable condition. *Exclusion shall continue until the readmission criteria for the conditions are met 25 TAC 97.7 (a).*

A student with any of the following symptoms must be excluded from school:

- Fever of 100 F degrees or Higher: Student will be excluded until they have been fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever- suppressing medication
- 3 or More Episodes of Diarrhea within 24 Hours: Students will be excluded until they are diarrhea free for 24 hours, without the use of symptom- suppressing medication.
- 2 or More Episodes of Vomiting within 24 Hours: Students will be excluded until they are vomit free for 24 hours, without the use of symptom- suppressing medication.
- Pain and/ or swelling at angle of jaw
- Undiagnosed rash over any part of the body, accompanied by fever
- Undiagnosed scaly patches on the body or scalp
- Red/ Draining Eyes
- Intense itching, with signs/ symptoms of a secondary infection
- Open/ Draining Lesions or Wounds
- Jaundice, or yellowing of the eyes or skin
- See Pflugerville ISD Lice Guidelines

If it is determined that a student should be excluded from school:

- The parent should contact the campus health office so that other students who might have been exposed to the disease may be alerted according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- Students should be symptom free for 24 hours, without the use of symptom- suppressing medication, before returning to school.
- For any infection, antibiotics must be taken for a minimum of 24 hours prior to re-admittance to school.
- A certificate of the attending physician attesting that the child does not currently have signs or symptoms of a communicable disease or to the disease's non-communicability in a school setting; may be deemed necessary for re-entry into school.

These guidelines are followed to prevent the spread of illness to other students and staff.