

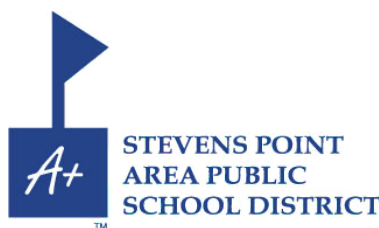
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4 Year Old Kindergarten

Handbook for Parents
2026-2027 School Year



**High quality early childhood education ...
because their journey starts now.**



2026 - 2027 Stevens Point Area Public School District Calendar



KEY DATES

- 6/28/2026 - 7/3/2026 ~ No Summer School
- 7/17/2026 ~ Last Day of Summer School 2026
- 8/31/2026 ~ Orientation Day, gr 4K*, K, 7, & 10 ONLY
*4K programs at Elementary buildings only
- 9/1/2026 ~ First Day of School
- 9/7/2026 ~ Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- 9/25/2026 ~ Professional Development, NO SCHOOL
- 10/9/2026 ~ SPASH Homecoming
- 10/23/2026 ~ Professional Development, NO SCHOOL
- 10/30/2026 ~ NO SCHOOL
- 11/10/2026 ~ Evening Conferences: 4-8 pm High School
- 11/12/2026 ~ Evening Conferences: 4-8 pm Junior Highs
- 11/16/2026 ~ NO SCHOOL, Conferences 11:00 - 7:00
- 11/19/2026 ~ Evening Conferences: 4-8 pm Elementary
- 11/25/2026 - 11/27/2026 ~ Thanksgiving Break
- 12/24/2026 - 1/1/2027 ~ Winter Break
- 1/18/2027 ~ Professional Development, NO SCHOOL
- 1/22/2027 ~ Professional Development, NO SCHOOL
- 2/15/2027 ~ Professional Development Day
gr 7-12 E-Learning; gr PK-6 NO SCHOOL
- 2/18/2027 ~ Evening Conferences: 4-8 pm Elementary
- 2/22/2027 ~ NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY (PK-6) ONLY
Conferences 11:00 - 7:00
- 2/22/2027 ~ 4K Registration begins for 2027-2028
- 3/9/2027 ~ Evening Conferences: 4-7 pm, Junior Highs
- 3/11/2027 ~ Evening Conferences: 4-7 pm, High School
- 3/22/2027 - 3/26/2027 ~ Spring Break*
*Align with UWSP; may change
- 3/29/2027 ~ Summer School 2027 registration BEGINS
- 4/11/2027 ~ Summer School 2027 registration CLOSES
- 4/26/2027 ~ Professional Development Day
gr 7-12 E-Learning; gr PK-6 NO SCHOOL
- 5/21/2027 ~ Professional Development Day
gr 7-12 E-Learning; gr PK-6 NO SCHOOL
- 5/25/2027 - 5/26/2027 ~ Elementary Track Meet
(grades 5-6)
- 5/28/2027 ~ SPASH Commencement
Rain Date for Elementary Track Meet
- 5/31/2027 ~ Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
- 6/2/2027 ~ Last Day of School
- 6/14/2027 ~ First Day of Summer School 2027

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Teal = Orientation Day (Grades 4K*, K, 7, & 10) *4K programs at elementary buildings only	Yellow = First and Last day of classes	Black = Educator Onboarding Days
Blue = Professional Development Day, NO SCHOOL	Gray = NO SCHOOL/ Holidays	Green = Parent Teacher Conferences
Light Blue = Professional Development Day gr 7-12 E-Learning; gr PK-6 NO SCHOOL	Purple = Quarter Ends	Red = SPASH Commencement
	Light Purple = Summer School classes begin/end	Light Orange = 4K & KDG Trimester Ends
	Light Red = SPASH Homecoming	Orange = Inclement Weather make-up day

SCHOOL HOURS	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME
SPASH	7:35 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
CFC Alternative	7:30 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
PoDS	7:40 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Junior Highs	7:40 a.m.	2:55 p.m.
Elementary Schools	8:45 a.m.	3:35 p.m.



District Calendar of Events



School Lunch Menus



Who to Call

**FINAL 2026-2027 SPAPSD calendar -
APPROVED 12/08/2025
updated 5/18/2026**

OVERVIEW

The Stevens Point Area Public School District's Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) program operates at various locations throughout the district, including community-based child care and several elementary buildings. All 4K teachers are certified by the Department of Public Instruction to teach 4K. The program offers a variety of scheduling options, such as 5 full days per week, 4 full days per week (Monday–Thursday), or 4 half days per week (Monday–Thursday), with sessions available in the morning and/or afternoon. Some sites also offer wraparound child care options. The program began in the Stevens Point Area Public School District in 2007. The District curriculum is play-based and aligns with the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards.

4K Guiding Principles

“To provide equal access to quality early childhood learning experiences for all children.”

For our successful early childhood program, we believe...

- Quality education occurs in safe, supportive environments
- Young children learn best in play-based classrooms with developmentally appropriate practices and curriculum (e.g. The Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards)
- Teaching to the whole child (cognitive, physical, social, emotional)
- Literacy is at the core of quality instructional programming
- That teachers must respect the individuality of each child by appreciating their unique style and rate of learning
- Early childhood classrooms should be inclusive with early identification and intervention for children with special needs
- Parent/Community involvement is essential for successful programs
- Early learning environments are best when supporting consistent care while minimizing transitions
- Diversity within children and families builds a stronger learning community
- Early education is strengthened through offering comprehensive services such as family support and education, resource & referral, on-going assessment, and transportation

The Stevens Point Area Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, arrest or conviction record, membership in the military reserve, religion, political beliefs or affiliations, citizenship, use or non-use of lawful products off school premises during non-working hours or any other factor prohibited by law. Discrimination on the basis of age, sex or other requirements constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification necessary to the proper and efficient operation and administration of the school district. The Director of Student Services is the district's compliance officer, Jennie McMahon. If you have concerns, please call 715-345-5454.

4K Community Sites

Bannach Elementary

5400 Walter St
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Phone: (715) 345-5668

CAP Services: Family Development Center

1640 West River Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Phone: (715) 343-7152

Children's Discovery Center

3109 John Joanis Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54482
Phone: (715) 544-4991

Excel Preschool

4500 Industrial Park Rd
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Phone: (715) 544-0832

HRG - UCCLC

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
910 Fremont St
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Phone: (715) 346-4370

Jefferson Elementary School

1800 East Ave
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Phone: (715) 345-5418

Kennedy Elementary School

616 West Second St
Junction City, WI 54443
Phone: (715) 345-5614

Little Scholars Beginnings

3209 Business Park Dr
Stevens Point, WI 54482
Phone: (715) 344-4330

Little Scholars

3310 John Joanis Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54482
Phone: (715) 344-0205

McDill Elementary

2516 School St
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Phone: (715) 345-5420

McKinley Elementary

2926 Blaine St
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Phone: (715) 345-5421

Plover-Whiting Elementary

1400 Hoover Ave
Plover, WI 54467
Phone: (715) 345-5424

Trinity Learning Center & Preschool

1410 Rogers Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Phone: (715) 344-2227

YMCA Preschool and Child Care

1000 Division Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Phone: (715) 342-2980 ext. 339

YMCA Learning Center - Plover

2000 Roosevelt Dr
Plover, WI 54467
Phone: (715) 321-2241

General Information

District 4K Staff

Sherrie Stanczyk – Early Learning (4K) Principal

Sarah Beasland – Program Support Specialist – Early Childhood Special Education

Kyla Iczkowski – 4K Behavior and Program Support

Amber Haferman – Administrative Assistant to the Director of Elementary Education

*To contact the 4K Principal, please call (715) 345-5466.

Enrollment

Enrollment for 4K takes place online. For more information, please see our District website at www.pointschools.net. If you have technology needs or need other assistance, please contact the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Elementary Education at (715) 345-5466.

Age of Entry

A child must be four (4) years old on or before September 1 to enter 4K and five (5) years old on or before September 1 to enter Kindergarten.

Early Entrance

There is no early entrance into the 4K program.

Promotion and Retention

Promotion or retention of a student shall be based on the following factors: ability, age, achievement, and emotional/physical/social maturity. Please view Board Policy 5410 Promotion, Placement, and Retention for additional information regarding retention in 4K.

Choice of Site

You may choose the site you would like your child to attend if you transport your child to and from the site, and provided there is available space. If you need District transportation, you will be given a choice of sites based on the address provided.

If you choose to self-transport your child to the site and later decide you would like District transportation, transportation will not be guaranteed. If the site your child attends is not on the bus route from the address where your child will be picked up and dropped off, your child may need to change to a different site on the bus route.

Bussing

Bussing is based on the address where your child will be picked up from and dropped off, this does not need to be your home address. The bus will pick up and drop off your child at the end of the driveway if your street allows. An adult must be visible when your child is dropped off, or your child will not be allowed off the bus. If this occurs, your child will be taken to the District bus garage, and you will be notified. If your child will not be riding the bus, please contact the District Transportation Department at (715) 345-5477.

It is a District goal to maintain a bus ride of less than 1 hour, but that is not always possible. Large and small buses are used for transportation, which may or may not have a Bus Aide or seat belts. Having a Bus Aide on the bus is determined by student needs. It may be possible for children to ride with siblings on

other routes if space, location, and time permits. 4K children may be placed on elementary routes as well. Parents will be notified if this occurs. Front seats will be reserved for the 4K children on these routes.

Address and Phone Number Changes

Please notify the District office or your child's teacher of any changes to family information. If the District is unable to verify your address, you may be asked to provide a copy of a billing statement, lease, or closing papers, a piece of mail, and/or etc., as verification. Please notify the District of any phone number changes as well.

Withdrawing from 4K

If your family moves out of the District, or if at any time you decide to withdraw your child from our 4K program, you will need to notify the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Elementary Education at (715) 345-5466.

Transfer between Sites

If you desire to make a transfer to another 4K site for any reason, you must contact the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Elementary Education at (715) 345-5466. Movement to another site is dependent upon availability.

Child Abuse and Neglect

School personnel are required by law to report the facts and circumstances of any suspected child abuse and neglect to the Portage County Human Services department (per school board policy 8462).

Curriculum

The Frog Street Pre-K curriculum is used in 4K. The Pre-K is a high-quality, research-based curriculum that is organized into nine themes (My School and Me; My Family and Friends; Safe, Healthy, and Helpful Me; Compare and Contrast; Creative Me; On the Move, Amazing Critters, Animals, and Changes). Each of them builds upon connections in all developmental areas. The curriculum focuses on play-based learning opportunities with a strong emphasis on Social-Emotional, Math, and Literacy skill development. Lessons are designed to fit visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning styles.

Report Cards

4K report cards are based on the Four-Year-Old Kindergarten curriculum. They will be sent home by trimester.

Student Records

The purpose of student records is to serve in the best interests of the students by assisting school personnel in developing appropriate educational experiences for each student. Confidentiality of such records is maintained as required by Wisconsin Statutes and the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Student records shall be transferred within five (5) school days to another school or school district upon written request from the other school or school district that the student has enrolled.

Wisconsin law designates the right to parents/guardians and adult students to inspect and review the student's education records and to question information they believe to be inaccurate. All requests must be in writing and submitted to the principal.

Volunteer Chaperone Expectations for Off-Campus Field Trips

Thank you for volunteering your time to support our students and staff during off-campus field trips. The safety, privacy, and well-being of all students are our top priorities. Please review the following responsibilities and expectations carefully before serving as a chaperone:

Roles and Responsibilities of Volunteer Chaperones

- Actively supervise students assigned to you throughout the duration of the trip.
- Maintain proximity to staff and students and follow the guidance of the teacher or trip leader.
- Monitor student behavior in alignment with district expectations and promptly report concerns to school staff.
- Support transitions between activities, meals, and transportation under the direction of district personnel.
- Uphold student privacy and refrain from discussing individual student needs or behaviors outside the scope of the trip.

Student Safety and Privacy Guidelines

- **Restroom and Hygiene Support:**
 - Volunteers may not provide hands-on assistance for any student related to hygiene or clothing changes.
 - Only **district employees** are authorized to provide supervision or support in these situations.
 - If a student requires privacy in a **single-stall restroom**, district staff will monitor from outside the closed door.
 - In **multi-stall public restrooms**, two district staff members will supervise from outside the closed stall door to ensure student safety and privacy.
 - Parents may be contacted to provide hygiene assistance if needed and appropriate.

Prohibited Actions

- **Photography and Recording:** Chaperones are not permitted to take photos or videos of students during field trips, regardless of personal permissions. This protects student privacy and complies with district policies.
- **Disciplinary Action:** Volunteers may not discipline students. Please refer behavioral concerns to the supervising teacher or staff member immediately.
- **Transportation:** Volunteers shall not provide transportation to students in their personal vehicles for any school-sponsored activities without the approval of the principal (or his/her designee).

District Policies and Resources

- All volunteers must comply with **Policy 8120 – Volunteers**, which outlines responsibilities, background check requirements, and guidelines for working with students.
 - The full policy is available on our BoardDocs site: [Policy 8120](#)
- Volunteers are expected to follow district guidelines provided in the **District Volunteer Application**: [Volunteer Application](#)

We sincerely appreciate your support and partnership in helping our students enjoy safe, enriching learning experiences outside the classroom. If you have any questions about your responsibilities, please speak with your school principal or field trip organizer.

Thank you for volunteering!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Regular conferences are scheduled in the fall and spring of each year. Other conferences may be arranged by parents or teachers as needed. A conference can help the teacher to better understand your child. Parents are encouraged to come to the conference prepared to ask questions and to tell us about their child.

Special Education Services

Special Education Services are available at 4K sites. Please contact Student Services at (715) 345-5454 for more information.

Family Outreach

Family outreach is a crucial component of 4K programming, as family involvement is essential to student success. Outreach activities provide opportunities for families to engage in their child's learning, build partnerships between home and school, support child development, and connect families with community resources. Primary goals are to:

- Strengthen family–school partnerships that support learning and development.
- Share information about child development, classroom routines, and ways families can extend learning at home.
- Promote family engagement in decision-making and goal-setting for their child.
- Connect families with health, nutrition, and community services that support school readiness and overall well-being.

4K outreach offerings may vary by site and may be offered district-wide. Outreach opportunities will be communicated to families in advance.

School Closings and Early Dismissal

If the District Transportation Department must cancel school or dismiss early because of inclement weather, the following communication channels will be used:

1. District website - www.PointSchools.net
2. Phone, text, and email notification (contact your school to update your contact information)
3. District and School Social Media Channels
4. Local media outlets.

Parents should have a plan in place in case such an event occurs.

Attendance

A record of attendance will be kept for each student. Notify your 4K site if your child will be late or will not be in school due to illness, vacation, etc. If your child uses District transportation, please notify the District transportation office at (715)345-5477.

Attendance Plan

- 4K teacher/office will call home with each absence to determine the reason if you have not called in the absence.
- After 3 consecutive or cumulative days, the 4K director will call home.
- After 6 consecutive or cumulative days, 4K/Early Learning Principal will call home.
- After 10 days, the Stevens Point Area Public School District's Central office will send an attendance letter home.

In Case of Emergency

It is important that your child's Health information and Emergency Contact Information is updated. This will provide us with information necessary to help your child if the need arises. If your child is injured or becomes ill at school, we will notify you and render simple first aid only. If you cannot be reached, the District reserves the right to seek medical attention.

Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Devices

The use of cell phones and all other personal electronic devices during the school day is not allowed, as they are an unnecessary distraction and can be disruptive to the learning environment. If brought to school, students are expected to have these items turned off and put away during the school day. Students who violate this policy will be required to surrender their device for the remainder of the day. Parents may be required to pick up the device and students may have disciplinary consequences. The District will not be held responsible for lost or stolen items.

E-Mail Opt-Out

The District strives to communicate and work together with the parents and guardians of the students we serve. The use of e-mail has become an excellent tool for convenient two-way communication between parents/guardians and teachers.

This communication may include student grade information, non-statute based attendance, or non-statute based discipline information of your minor child. Unless permitted by law, the District does not intend for such email communication to include notices related to truancy, suspension, expulsion, special education, or student health records. Though today's technology is quite secure, we cannot guarantee that an e-mail sent from the District e-mail server will remain secure once it leaves our system.

This notice does not include directory data disclosure.

If you do NOT want your student's teacher communicating with you via email, please contact your school office for an opt-out form.

Parent Right to Restrict School in Release of Public Information

Wisconsin law permits parents or guardians to request that public schools not release certain directory information about their child. That information is: 1) student name, 2) address, 3) telephone listing, 4) date and place of birth, 5) major field of study, 6) participation in activities and sports, 7) weight and height, 8) dates of attendance, 9) photographs, 10) degrees and awards received, 11) name of school attended. Those who want to deny release of all or part of this directory information during the school year should send a letter by the second Friday in September to the Superintendent of Schools, Bliss Educational Services Center, 1900 Polk Street, Stevens Point, 54481. The letter should state the specific information to be withheld from public disclosure.

Prepare Each Student To Be Successful

www.pointschools.net

Bliss Educational Services Center

1900 Polk Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Ph: (715)345-5454 Fax: (715)345-7302



The District may photograph, videotape and record audio files of students and their accomplishments for presentations in newsletters, web pages, and/or the District's social media channels. Occasionally the media, either television and/or newspaper, will feature activities of individual students or groups who have excelled at a particular activity, and along with the story, will want to videotape and/or photograph students.

The District is proud of the tremendous accomplishments of our students, your children, and looks forward to sharing their success with our larger community; however, we are also sensitive to the fact that for reasons unique to each family, it may not be wise for pictures of students to appear in any media.

If you do **NOT** want your student's image (video, photo, and/or audio) to be displayed, **please send a letter** stating the same to the Superintendent's Office in writing prior to September of each school year:

Superintendent's Office

Bliss Educational Services Center

1900 Polk Street

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Please be advised that this notice is only intended to address consent related to photographing, filming and/or videotaping conducted by the District, its officers, employees, agents and/or representative. This non-permission will be in effect until revoked in writing by the parent/guardian.

Additionally, please inform your student of your desire so that they may assist us in fulfilling your request. Be aware that if a student is involved in a high-profile activity or is a public figure by choice (such as athletics or student council), it is likely he/she will be photographed and/or videotaped. Also, because the school and grounds are relatively public places, we cannot guarantee that your student's image will never appear as part of an incidental crowd photo or video. For more information, please reference Board policy 9151.

For more information, please reference **Board Policy 9151, Photographing, Filming, and/or Videotaping of Students in School.**

We value your family's right to privacy and look forward to communicating the accomplishments of students in the upcoming year.

Immunizations

School-required immunizations protect students from 9 different diseases. Even though your student meets these minimum requirements, additional boosters may be needed. Please refer to the Student Immunization Law Age/Grade Requirements information. You can get further information about clinics offered by the Portage County Human Services Health Department (715)345- 5350 or contact your medical provider.

Wisconsin State Statute 252.04 (2), requires that all students through grade 12 who do not submit waivers, must present evidence that they have received at least the first dose of each vaccine required for their grade within 30 school days of admission, the second dose of DTP/DT/Td and polio vaccines within 90 school days of admission, and the third and fourth doses of DTP/DT/Td and polio vaccines, if required for their grade, within 30 school days of the beginning of the next school year. Compliance by students must be reported each year to the local public health agency by the 40th school day. Portage County provides low-cost (approximately \$5.00 each) childhood and adolescent immunizations for those who meet eligibility requirements. For more information, contact Portage County Health and Human Services at 715-345-5350.

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION LAW AGE/GRADE REQUIREMENTS

The following are the minimum required immunizations for each age and grade level according to the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law. These requirements can be waived for health, religious, or personal conviction reasons. Additional immunizations may be recommended for your child depending on his or her age. Please contact your doctor or local health department to determine if your child needs additional immunizations.



Table 144.03-A
Required Immunizations for the 2021-2022 School Year and the Following School Years

Age/Grade	Required Immunizations (Number of Doses)								
5 months through 15 months	2 DTP/DTaP/DT		2 Polio			2 Hep B	2 Hib	2 PCV	
16 months through 23 months	3 DTP/DTaP/DT		2 Polio	1 MMR		2 Hep B	3 Hib	3 PCV	
2 years through 4 years	4 DTP/DTaP/DT		3 Polio	1 MMR	1 Var	3 Hep B	3 Hib	3 PCV	
Kindergarten through grade 6	4 DTP/DTaP/DT		4 Polio	2 MMR	2 Var	3 Hep B			
Grade 7 through grade 11	4 DTP/DTaP/DT	1 Tdap	4 Polio	2 MMR	2 Var	3 Hep B			1 Mening
Grade 12	4 DTP/DTaP/DT	1 Tdap	4 Polio	2 MMR	2 Var	3 Hep B			2 Mening

- Requirements did not take effect until February 1, 2023, and the rule was therefore not in effect for the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 school years. The Tdap requirement for grades 7-11 was implemented for the 2023-2024 school year. The Meningococcal (serogroup A,C,W,Y) requirement was implemented for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Schools are not required to verify Hib and PCV vaccines for Pre-K students.
- Children 5 years of age or older who are enrolled in a Pre-K class should be assessed using the immunization requirements for Kindergarten through Grade 5, which would normally correspond to the individual's age.
- D = diphtheria, T = tetanus, P = pertussis vaccine. DTaP/DTP/DT/Td vaccine for all students Pre-K through 12; Four doses are required. However, if a student received the 3rd dose after the 4th birthday, further doses are not required. **Note:** A dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
- DTaP/DTP/DT vaccine for children entering Kindergarten: Each student must have received one dose after the 4th birthday (either the 3rd, 4th, or 5th dose) to be compliant. **Note:** a dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
- Tdap is an adolescent tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis combination vaccine. If a student received a dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine, such as Td, within five years before entering the grade in which Tdap is required, the student is compliant and a dose of Tdap vaccine is not required.
- Polio vaccine for students entering grades Kindergarten through 12; Four doses are required. However, if a student received the 3rd dose after the 4th birthday, further doses are not required. **Note:** a dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
- Laboratory evidence of immunity to hepatitis B is also acceptable.
- MMR is measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the 1st birthday. Laboratory evidence of immunity to all three diseases (measles and mumps and rubella) is also acceptable. **Note:** A dose four days or less before the 1st birthday is also acceptable.
- Varicella vaccine is chickenpox vaccine. Students with a reliable history of varicella disease are not required to receive the Varicella vaccine. A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber must document a reliable history of varicella disease by indicating that the student has had varicella and signing the Student Immunization Form (DHS Form 04020L). Students (excluding new enterers and kindergartners) with a parental report of disease prior to May 2024 are considered compliant.
- One dose of Meningococcal vaccine (serogroup A,C,W,Y) is required for students entering 7th grade, and a booster dose is required for students entering 12th grade. Students are assessed for this requirement in 7th grade and 12th grade only. Current Wisconsin students in 8th-11th grade will not be assessed for this requirement until they enter 12th grade. A second dose is not required for students who received their first dose of MenACWY at age 16 years or older.



Illness

Children learn best when they are healthy, well-rested, and have appropriate nutrition to meet their needs. We work very hard to provide a healthy atmosphere in our schools; however, episodes of communicable diseases such as flu and colds happen throughout the school year. These outbreaks affect both students and staff. If your student exhibits the following symptoms, please keep him/her home and contact your health care provider for advice, if needed. Rest and treating symptoms early often shortens the length of an illness as well as preventing its spread to others.

Is my child well enough to go to school?

The student should stay home if he/she has/had:

- A fever of 100.4 degrees or more and should remain at home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal without medication to keep the temperature down;
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea should remain at home for 24 hours after it has stopped;
- A persistent cough;
- Any rash with fever;
- Open or draining skin sores, and/or
- Inflamed or draining eyes or ears.
- Contact the school nurse for more information.

Should a student exhibit any of these symptoms at school, parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their students. If parents/guardians are not available, we will call the emergency phone contacts on file.

If your student contracts a communicable disease or contagious condition (e.g., chicken pox, pertussis, strep throat, bacterial pink eye, scabies, etc.), it is necessary that she/he remains home the required time as defined by state health regulations. Students found to have head lice at home should follow the treatment recommendations below. Parents/guardians should contact the school to verify the required time their student must stay home with any communicable disease or contagious condition before returning to school. See School Board Policy 8450, Control of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases and 8453 Director Contact Communicable Diseases.

Pediculosis (Head Lice) and Scabies

Pediculosis (Head Lice) and Scabies Head lice infestation is a common concern worldwide, with both social and medical implications. In the United States it is estimated that 6-12 million head lice infestations occur in children 3-11 years of age each year. A head lice infestation is not a communicable disease and no health risks have been associated with head lice (Pontius, 2014; CDC, 2015, para. 2; CDC, 2019, Do Head Lice Spread Disease section). Current research indicates that families are over- or incorrectly treating pediculosis, which may be a contributing factor in lice resistance (Cummings et al., 2018; Koch et al., 2016). Head lice infestation, including “no live lice” and “no nit” policies, causes unnecessary school absences for students and loss of parent workdays and family wages. Exclusion from school can adversely affect students emotionally, socially and academically (Devore et al., 2015; Pontius, 2014).

It is the position of the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) that the management of head lice (*Pediculus humanus capitis*) infestations in school settings should not disrupt the educational process, including but not limited to the elimination of classroom screening, forced absences from school for nits and/or live lice and broad notification that a case of head lice has been found.

Both AAP and CDC assert that treatment should only be initiated when at least one live louse has been identified (Devore et al., 2015; CDC, 2015, para. 3). Since it is likely that a child's infestation has been present for 30 days or more prior to the identification of live lice, the affected child in school poses little risk of transmission to others and should remain in class (Devore et al., 2015). Health care providers and their staff should collaborate with school nurses and families to provide safe, affordable, evidence-based treatment recommendations that ensure effective management of head lice infestations and promotion of regular school attendance (Devore et al., 2015). If a child in the District is found to have lice, the child's parent will be contacted. Current best practice and recommendations from the CDC and the American Association of Pediatrics (AAP) is for the students to remain in class and to be treated at home. Please let your school nurse know if you are in need of assistance in the treatment of head lice. The District DOES NOT practice a "no nits policy" as a criteria for return to school.

Scabies are caused by a different small insect that can easily spread among students. Head lice can be treated with over-the-counter medication, but scabies requires a physician's prescription. Instructions for treating head lice and scabies are available from school or the Portage County Health and Human Services department 715-345-5350.