

Health Screenings – Routine vision, hearing, and spinal screening

Screenings will be conducted for the following grade levels.

- Vision and hearing in Pre-K, Kinder, and grades 1, 3, 5 and 7.
- Spinal screenings

Girls will be screened two times at age 10 (or grade 5) and again at age 12 (or grade 7).

Boys will be screened one time at age 13 or 14 (or grade 8).

Students new to the District must be screened as well.

Exemptions

A student may be exempt from a test if the test conflicts with the student's religious tenets or the practices of his or her church, and the student's parent or guardian presents a signed affidavit from the organization.

<https://pol.tasb.org/PolicyOnline/PolicyDetails?key=689&code=FFAA#legalTabContent>

26-27 Immunization requirements

Please make sure that all of your child's immunizations are up to date prior to the start of the school year. For a list of the required immunizations for Pk-12 see the file below.

If your child requires any vaccination, you will receive a notification letter. The notice will tell you the type of immunization(s) your child needs and the date a current immunization record must be submitted to the nurse's office.

Bacterial Meningitis

<https://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/about/bacterial-meningitis.html>

Lice

Fort Hancock ISD understands the concerns that parents have in dealing with a case of lice. It is our mission to ensure that NO child's privacy right and rights to education are violated. There are no laws in Texas addressing the exclusion of children with lice from school. Lice are not a public health threat and the Department of State Health Services does not monitor or track cases, as they do not carry disease. Fort Hancock ISD follows the Department of Health Services guidelines for lice in schools.

For more information on lice please click on the link below.

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-school-health/skilled-procedures-texas-school-health/managing-head-lice-school>

Medication

All medication must be brought to the school clinic or office, where they will be stored in a secured cabinet. Students are not allowed to carry any medication with them at school unless authorized by a licensed healthcare provider and in accordance with district policy.

All medication must be accompanied by a current, signed healthcare provider's order and written parent/guardian consent before it can be administered at school.

At the end of the school year, any remaining medication will either be returned to the parent or properly disposed of.

Allergies

- Parent/guardian must notify the school nurse of student's specific food allergy.
- Parent/guardian should complete the request for food allergy information form.
- If medication is prescribed, a practitioner's written order form must be completed by a parent/guardian.

Excuses from Physical Education

If your child needs to be excused from participating in Physical Education class, please send a note stating the reason. All parent notes are valid for **one day** of excused instruction. A note from a medical practitioner is required if students is unable to participate in Physical Education for more than one day. All students who present a medical note will be required to attend PE and remain with the class to observe and receive an alternative assignment.

When to keep a student home from school

- **Fever (greater than 100F)** - Keep your child home until they are fever free for 24 hours. A parent will be contacted to pick up the child if they have a fever.
- **Eye discharge**- Keep your child home if you suspect pink eye, and they have eye discharge or their eyes are "glued" together when they wake up in the morning. A parent will be contacted to pick up the child if eye infection with discharge is suspected.
- **Diarrhea**- Keep your child home if they have more than 4 episodes of diarrhea or diarrhea with stomach discomfort. A parent will be contacted to pick up the child if they experience frequent loose stools.

- **Vomiting-** Keep your child home if they have active vomiting prior to school or any fever and/or diarrhea with vomiting within the past 24 hours, they should remain home at home. A parent will be contacted to pick up child if active vomiting occurs at school.
- **Rash-** Keep your child home if they develop an unexplained skin rash, especially when a fever is/was present. They should be seen by a doctor to be clear. A parent will be contacted to pick up the child if a contagious rash is suspected.