



FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Health Services

Dear Parents and Students:

A Registered Nurse and LVN are assigned to each high school campus in Fort Bend Independent School District, and a Registered Nurse is assigned to each middle and elementary school campus. The school clinic is available to assist with the medical/health needs of each student. Please read the procedures and guidelines which follow:

CLINIC PROCEDURES

When a student feels ill or is injured at school and needs to see the nurse, he or she must get a pass from the teacher who is sending the student to the clinic. If the student goes to the clinic between classes or during a lunch period, he/she must get a pass from a teacher on duty, or his/her next period teacher (Secondary Students only) Exceptions are for sudden illness and serious injury.

The student will be signed in upon arrival to the clinic. When leaving, the student must get the signed pass back from the nurse showing the time he/she left the clinic.

First aid will be administered when needed. A parent/guardian will be notified if a student is unable to remain at school or if an emergency arises requiring that he/she be taken to a medical facility. If a student must be transferred to an emergency facility before you arrive, a representative from the school will remain with the student until your designated person arrives.

It is required that illness/injury occurring at home be taken care of at home and that students do not go directly to the clinic upon arrival at school.

A student will not be allowed to remain in school if he/she complains of any of the following:

- temperature of 100.0 or greater
- vomiting: two or more episodes in a 24-hour period
- diarrhea: three or more loose stools in a 24-hour period
- an undetermined rash
- feeling too ill to remain at school

A student may return to school when:

- Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of diarrhea suppressing medications
- Vomiting free for 24 hours unless a doctor's written documentation that the vomiting is not a result of an infectious disease and the child is not in danger of dehydration
- Rash is gone and absence of fever for 24 hours or has been identified as non-communicable by a physician licensed to practice in the State of Texas

If a student must leave school due to illness, the parent/guardian is responsible for transportation. If you are not available, the person you designated on your student's emergency information card will be notified to pick them up. Facilities for keeping your child are limited; therefore, it is important that your child be picked up promptly.

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Medications

All medications (prescription and non-prescription) must be furnished by the parent/guardian and appropriate medication administration forms must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian and physician. These forms can be found on the FBISD website. Medication must be delivered to the clinic by the parent/guardian in the original and properly labeled container and picked up by the parent/guardian. Another responsible adult, who has been designated by the parent/guardian in writing, is also authorized to pick up medication. The nurse and/or clinic assistant will administer all medications in the clinic with the exception of students who are required by their physician to carry emergency medications with them at all times including asthma inhalers or auto injectable epinephrine. In those situations, the doctor must provide written orders to the school.

For prescription medications that are left at school, a second labeled container can be obtained from your pharmacy. When medication is discontinued, it must be picked up by the parent/guardian.

Returning to school after illness or injury

When returning to school after an absence, the student must bring a note from the parent/guardian explaining the absence. Students who must show a physician 's release to re-enter school must take the completed form to the school nurse before going to class.

TEMPORARY DISABILITIES

Any student who needs assistance with getting around the campus must bring a note from the parent/guardian or a physician 's statement describing ability/modifications needed and for how long. Five-minute passes may be issued to assist injured/disabled students in crowded hallways. Physical education/Recess exemptions will be given at the parent 's request for three days only when indicated. PE/recess exemptions for periods longer than three days require an M.D. note.

If you have any questions, please call the clinic at 281-327-8512 or email Nurse Olivia at olivia.nowacki@fortbendisd.gov.

Sincerely,
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School Nurse-Alyssa Ferguson Elementary