School Nurse Call-Home Policy

**Purpose:**

To ensure timely communication between school health office and parent/guardians regarding student health, safety, and well-being. Guidelines consistent among all schools.

1. **Situations Requiring an Immediate Call Home**

The school nurse will contact parent/guardian promptly when a student experiences:

a. **Illness**
- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Persistent or severe pain (headache, stomachache, ear pain, chest pain)
- Difficulty breathing, wheezing, or shortness of breath

b. **Injury**
- Any head injury
- Suspected fracture, sprain, dislocation or significant swelling
- Lacerations requiring possible stitches
- Any injury that may require medical evaluation or modified activity

c. **Contagious Condition**
- Suspected conjunctivitis
- Suspected strep throat, flu, or other communicable illness
- Evidence of head lice or nits

d. **Chronic Health Condition**
- Asthma symptoms not relieved by prescribed treatment
- Diabetics with call home orders
- Seizure activity
- Activation of EAP

e. **Medication Issues**
- Missed doses of required school-time medication
- Adverse reactions to medications
- Low, expired, or empty medication supply that needs replacement

f. **Miscellaneous**
- Student has repeated health office visits
- Student remains in health office for extended observation

2. **Situations Not Requiring a Call Home**
- Minor scrapes, small bruises, or simple first aid
- Mild, short duration headache relieved by rest, hydration or quiet time

3. **Documentation**

All health office visits, assessment, interventions and calls home will be documented in the students' health record.