



Clinic Information

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Emergencies and Illness at School: A blue *Student Health Information* Form will be sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. It is very important to return the completed form by the end of the first week of school. This form will give you an opportunity to list any medical conditions, allergies, medications and concerns you may have. It also includes emergency information and contacts for the Nurse. **A child exhibiting any of the following symptoms will be sent home from school and should remain home until symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication to alleviate symptoms:**

- Fever of 100 degrees or more
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Severe stomach ache, headache or earache
- Suspected contagious conditions or disease
- A child who is too ill to function in the classroom

Medication at School: The district does not provide medication to administer to students. All prescription and non-prescription FDA approved medication must be brought to the clinic by a parent or legal guardian in its original container accompanied by a current (signed and dated) *Medication Permission Form*. **No medication will be accepted or administered at school if brought in by a student with a parent note, no exceptions.** Dosages will be administered based on the directions printed on the original container unless a physician's order is present. Aspirin or products containing aspirin will not be given to any child under the age of 18 years while at school due to the increased risk of developing "Reye's Syndrome." All medication, including cough drops, will be kept in the clinic at all times. Students who have asthma or anaphylaxis may experience times when the symptoms worsen and the physician orders the student to carry an inhaler or anaphylaxis medication with them while at school. Please provide a letter from the physician with complete instructions for use as well as permission for the student to carry this medication.

Health Screenings: Texas Department of Health requires Hearing and Vision screening on all 5th grade students and any new student throughout the year. Scoliosis screening is required in 6th grade. Growth and development screening will also be performed through height and weight measurements on all 5th and 6th grade students.

Immunization: Please provide the clinic with an updated immunization record anytime immunizations are given. Please note the 11-year-old boosters: Tdap and MCV4 are needed and mandatory before entering into 7th grade.

Crutches and Wheelchairs: Students who require the temporary use of crutches or a wheelchair at school must have an order from the physician for the medical devices to be used at school.

P.E. Participation: Physical education is an important part of a child's educational experience and is required by state law. A written excuse by a parent/legal guardian is required in the event a child needs to be excused from PE. If he or she cannot participate for a period of more than 5 days, a doctor's note must be presented to the school nurse. A note from the doctor releasing the student to return to regular participation will also be required.