

When to Keep Your Child Home

Fever: greater than 100 degrees. For fever and flu symptoms, a student should not return to school until the fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of medication.

Vomiting: return 24 hours after vomiting stops

Diarrhea: return 24 hours after diarrhea stops

Rash: rash that is open and draining or a rash with a fever

Contagious Diseases: (strep throat, impetigo, pink eye) A student may return after 24 hours of treatment with antibiotic

Nuisance Diseases: head lice, scabies, ringworm- must be treated before returning to school

Chicken Pox: child may return to school 5-7 days after onset of rash, with all sores dry and scabbed over

Please notify your child's school if your child is absent due to illness or injury.

If your child has a serious illness or injury that affects school participation, please notify your school principal or school nurse so a plan can be implemented to meet your child's needs.

Please give medications at home whenever possible. However, if medication is needed during the school day, the following is necessary:

Pink medication forms are available at your school or local clinic. Your doctor may also fax the medication form to the school. Fax number: 608-786-3415

Students may not carry or keep their own medication at school with the exception of prescription inhalers with a doctor's written permission.

Parents/guardians are requested to please deliver medication to the school office.

A new medication form is needed each time the medication is changed.

Prescription Medication (Drugs that your child's physician prescribes.)

A medication form must be on file for each medication with the following requirements:

- 1.) A doctor's signature with written instruction for the medication including medication name, dose and time to be given.
 - 2.) Written consent from the parent for the school to give the medication.
- Medications must be in a properly labeled prescription bottle.

Non-prescription Medication (Drugs that is readily available to the public without a prescription that are safe to use without the advice of a physician)

- Written consent from the parent with instructions for the school to give the medication.
- Medication must be in the original container.

When your child is injured

If your child is injured and requires any type of modification to the school day, a physician's note listing those modifications is required. Students must attend Physical Education and recess unless a physician specifically excuses them from these activities. The physician may fax these modifications to the school. Fax number: 608-786-3415

Illness or injury at school

Students who become ill or injured at school will be seen in the health room by trained staff. If your child is unable to return to class, a parent will be contacted. For your child's comfort please make arrangements to pick them up as soon as possible.

Food Allergies

If your child has an allergy to a specific food or food group, please have your doctor write a note stating what foods your child needs to avoid and what is allowed. For example: if your child has a reaction to milk, but may have cheese or foods prepared with milk.

Immunizations

The law requires students through grade 12 to be immunized according to their age/grade by the beginning of the school year.

Immunization is a shared responsibility

Parents are required to have their children immunized in accordance with state law and to keep accurate records. If a student is unable to receive immunizations for medical, religious or personal conviction reasons, a waiver must be signed.

In compliance with the state law, schools are required to keep records and review them annually. (s. 252.04 Wis. Stats.).

When students do not meet the requirements of the law:

- 1.) Parents are notified by a legal notice.
- 2.) If the student is not in compliance after receiving the legal notice, the district attorney is notified.

Please notify your child's school each time your child receives an immunization

Vision and Hearing

The West Salem School District performs vision and hearing screenings on students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. If you have concerns about your child's hearing or vision, please contact the nurse's office and a screen can be done. If you do not want your child screened, please let the nurse know.