

Emergency Care and Treatment

In the event a student becomes ill or injured while at school, school personnel will attempt to notify the parent/guardian or other contacts on record. It is important that the parent or guardian keep school personnel informed of any changes in emergency contact information including names and phone numbers. In the event of a life threatening illness or injury, 9-1-1 will be called to dispatch EMS/ambulance services. The parent/guardian is responsible for any expenses. Rendering of first aid by school personnel will depend on the experience and judgment of the personnel involved.

Students who are ill should be kept at home. If the temperature is over 100 degrees the child should remain at home. The student should be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.

Students having vomiting or diarrhea not related to an ongoing stomach disorder should not come to school. Stomach viruses are contagious and can easily spread.

Medication Guidelines

Parents or guardians should administer medications at home, unless specifically ordered by a provider with prescriptive authority (MD, DO, APRN, DDS, OD) to be given during school hours. The following guidelines are in place in order for medication to be administered at school.

1. A current school year prescription written by a provider must be on file.
2. A parent or guardian must sign permission for the medication to be given at school for any student under 18 years of age.
3. No over the counter (OTC) medication (such as Tylenol, Motrin, cough syrup, antacids) will be given at school without a written provider order.
4. All medication must be in the original pharmacy container with the prescription label on the container. OTC medication must be in the original factory labeled container. The pharmacy will provide a separate labeled bottle so that medications that may need to be given at home and at school will be in properly labeled containers.
5. Medication is to be brought to school by a parent or guardian or other designated adult. At no time should any medication be in the possession of a student except as noted below.
6. Students who need to carry an Epi-pen, Inhaler, or diabetic supplies in their possession at all times must have a provider order to do so. Parents/guardians are encouraged to provide the health office with an Epi-pen or inhaler so the medicine is available in the student forgets to bring the medication with them to school.

7. Medications that have expired or been discontinued must be picked up by a parent or guardian. This includes medication left over at the end of the school year. Any medication not picked up will be destroyed in compliance with Arkansas Department of Health Division of Pharmacy Services.