

Student illness or injury

“The purpose of the district’s health services program is to help each student attend school in optimum health and to benefit from the school experience.”

(Platte County R3 School District School Board Policy JHC)

Healthy students are better equipped to learn. The health services staff is making a special effort to help students establish good health habits and stay healthy. The success of our efforts however depends on parental compliance and follow-through at home.

- Students should not come to school when they are ill or when they have an elevated temperature or a contagious disease (*suspected or confirmed*). This is for their protection as well as for others in the classroom.
 - Students with a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater **will** be sent home.
 - Students should be **fever free** for 24 hours without the aid of medication **before returning to school**.
 - If your child is feeling ill, or has had an elevated temperature, please **Do NOT** give them a fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or Motrin and send them to school.
 - Children should stay home if they have **vomited** within 24 hours of coming to school.
 - Students are **NOT** allowed to carry medication of any kind. This includes transporting medication to and from school. **Parents/guardians** must bring all medications to the Health Room. This includes Tylenol, Advil or generic equivalents.

- If a student is injured or experiences symptoms of illness while at school, he/she should request a Health Room pass from a staff member if practical, or report directly to the Health Room in case of an emergency. The nurse will provide a nurse’s assessment of the Student’s situation and may:
 - Provide necessary first aid or assistance
 - Contact a parent/guardian or person on the emergency list to arrange transportation home or to a health care facility for the student
 - Summon emergency medical assistance
 - Allow the student to rest in the Health Room for a time
 - Send the student back to resume normal school activities

Parents please note: It is important that both home and work phone numbers for parents be provided when students enroll or register so that the nurse can make contact when necessary. It is also important to provide names and phone numbers for other adults who may be contacted when a parent can not be reached. Whenever a **phone number changes**, it is important for the parent/guardian to inform the school so the student’s school file can be updated.