

Illness/Absentee and Exclusion from School Guidelines

The school nurse or program administrator may exclude a student from school for health reasons if the student presents with the following:

- Fever: Temperature of 100.0 or higher. Student must be fever free for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
- Respiratory: A congested cough or are coughing up thick mucus.
- Eye/Nose Drainage: Any that is not normal for your child.
- Skin Problems: Rashes, infected sores, sores with drainage that are undiagnosed or contagious.
- Diarrhea: Increased loose stools within a 24 hour period, without a defined underlying cause. Must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Vomiting: Two or more episodes of vomiting within a 24-hour period, without a defined underlying cause. Must be symptom free for 24 hours
- before returning to school.
- If your child is actively using a substance that alters their ability to access the curriculum.

If your student will not be in attendance please call the Main Office at 978-922-3305.

Other considerations for exclusion:

- The student has a condition which requires immediate intervention or requires ongoing supervision, which cannot be adequately provided in a school setting.
- Should a student become ill while in school, the nurse shall determine if the student is able to remain in school for the day. When a student is deemed too ill to remain in school, the parents or those delegated by the parents/guardian will be notified and asked to pick the student up. If that is not possible, parents or the school, after discussion, may call transportation to have the student transported home. In no case shall the student be released without proper delegate notification.
- Students who are seen by the nurse and do not have an elevated temperature or obvious signs of illness will be returned to class at the discretion of the nursing staff.