



Falcon School District 49 Nursing Services

Dear Parents,

We welcome your child and you to our school. Please take a moment to read the following information regarding our district policies for health services.

Registered Nurses: Nurses in our district cover more than one school and are in each school at least twice a week. When in the school, nurses provide direct care, coordinate vision and hearing screenings, provide assessments for Special Education and are available to teachers, parents and students for specific health concerns. Nurses also strive to provide health education programs in the classroom as often as possible. The nurse at your school has daily communication with the health assistant and is available if any health care need or emergency arises.

Health Assistants: Your child's school has a health assistant in the health room every day. Health assistants are not nurses. They have received training in basic first aid, CPR, and medication administration only.

Health Room: Any student entering the health room will be allowed to remain there for 10 minutes. If there is a need to contact parents, we will use the phone numbers provided at the beginning of the school year. It is very important that you provide the school with current emergency phone numbers and update this information as it changes throughout the year.

Medication Policy: Please be aware that Colorado State law governs our medication policy. If your child must take medication during school hours, you must provide the following before we administer it:

- A written doctor's order (including drug name, dose, time, duration of treatment, doctor's and parent's signature). **This includes all over-the-counter medication. The only exception is cough drops which may be given with written parent permission.** The order may be faxed to the school by the physician. PLEASE NOTE: The pharmacy label applied to the medication bottle will not suffice for a doctor's order.
- Medication must be in the original bottle, complete with label. Medication cannot be given if it comes in a baggie, envelope, plain bottle, etc.
- All medications must be kept in a locked cabinet in the health room. If a student must carry a medication on them such as an inhaler or Epi-Pen, the physician order must state this and the student must sign a self-carry contract.

- The medications provided to the health room will not be available outside of school hours.

Illness Guidelines: Here are a few guidelines to help you determine whether or not to send your child to school. Do not send your child to school if they have:

- A temperature that is over 100 degrees F
- Experienced vomiting or diarrhea in the previous 12 hours
- Cold symptoms, such as constant runny nose, congestion, coughing or sneezing (unless allergy related)
- A sore throat lasting longer than 3 days (a child diagnosed with strep throat must stay home for at least 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has been started)
- Red, inflamed, swollen or discharging eyes (not related to allergies)
- Weeping cold sores or other lesions (such as impetigo) until under treatment
- Rashes that are not yet diagnosed
- Untreated head lice

Child with Chronic Illness: If your child has diagnosis such as Asthma, Diabetes, Seizure Disorder, Severe food/other allergies or any other chronic illness, it is recommended that the school nurse be informed immediately for proper actions such as implementing a classroom health care plan in order to care for your student during school. Please contact the health room at 719-495-5290 as soon as possible. You can also download the proper health care plan which is located in the school website under “Students/Families”. You need to go to “need to know” link and click on “nursing services”. Please refer to our Medication policy below if your child requires medications during school hours.

Immunizations: All students must have current and up-to-date immunizations in order to participate in school. The only exception to this is if the parent signs an exemption for medical, religious, or personal reasons.

If you have any questions regarding these policies or immunization requirements for Colorado students, please call the health room at your child’s school or go to <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/immunization/requirements.html> for an updated schedule with immunization requirements.

We look forward to a great school year, and appreciate your cooperation with us!

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