

GRAND PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Health Services

GUIDELINES FOR SENDING ILL STUDENTS HOME FROM SCHOOL
(Information for Parents)

Please notify the school nurse or school personnel of any illness or medical condition for which your child is being treated or monitored.

A parent, guardian or designated contact will be notified immediately to pick up a child from school who presents any of the following conditions:

- Signs or symptoms of a communicable disease that cannot be contained at school;
- Localized rash causing acute discomfort or systemic rash of undetermined origin as a sign of potential illness;
- An oral temperature of 100.0 degrees or greater. All students must be fever free for 24hours without the aid of fever reducing medication before returning to school.
- Signs or symptoms of acute illness, serious accident/injury;
- Vomiting (not related to a single event such as gagging, positioning, mucus, running after eating, or eating spicy food); All students must be free from vomiting for 24hours without the aid of any medication before returning to school.
- Diarrhea of two or more loose watery stools; All students must be free from diarrhea for 24hours without the aid of any medication before returning to school.
- Asthma symptoms that do not respond to prescribed medication or no prescribed medication is available for treatment of asthma symptoms;
- Diabetes with a blood sugar greater than 400 and positive ketones or inadequate supplies to treat diabetes at school;
- Uncontrolled coughing;
- Pink eye or purulent conjunctivitis (defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge). The student must receive treatment for 24 hours before returning to school or provide a note from a health care provider stating that the condition is not contagious and the student may return to school;
- Live head lice or live nits. Student must be rechecked after treatment and be issued a note to re-enter class.

According to the assessment of the School Nurse, if staying in the classroom is counterproductive to the student's education, or the safety and wellness of others, a decision may be made to send the student home.

The parent will be expected to come for the child within an hour or a reasonable time agreed upon with the nurse or school personnel. In the event the parent, guardian or designated contact cannot be reached, a parent conference may be held at the earliest opportunity to establish correct contact numbers, school district expectations and parental responsibilities.

Any additional guidelines necessary for special needs students will be addressed in the Individualized Health Care Plan.

In the event of a student medical emergency, school personnel may call 911, and the student may be transported to a medical facility via ambulance. The cost of services provided by ambulance, private physician, clinic, hospital, or dentist remain the responsibility of the parent/guardian and will not be assumed by Grand Prairie Independent School District or school district personnel.

The Texas Education Agency requires school employees to report any issues of child abuse including medical neglect to Child Protective Services.

It is our goal to provide a safe, healthy environment that promotes learning for all students.

Principal _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Nurse _____

Date _____