

**CRAWFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CRAWFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Student Illness/Exclusion

Our goal in health services is to support student success by returning students who are healthy and ready to learn to the classroom as quickly as possible. Nursing assessments provide the best foundation in health/hygiene situations to determine when to send a child home so that appropriate parental interventions may be quickly begun and a healthy student returns to school is achieved. A major health consideration for exclusion from school is the potential for spread of disease from person to person. School nurses will send students home in accordance with State laws regarding the communicable disease, based on signs and symptoms related to those diseases. A student may also have symptoms, behaviors, or conditions that are not necessarily automatically excludable, but still, keep the student from effectively participating in the education process. The school nurse may also exclude a student when those symptoms, behaviors, or conditions are health and hygiene related. Students are expected to be picked up as soon as possible after being notified. If the parent/guardian is unable to come to the school when notified, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make arrangements for another responsible person or someone listed on the child's registration form to act on their behalf and pick up the child. Please make arrangements for such an event in advance.

Your child may be sent home and should remain home if they exhibit the following symptoms and/or conditions:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Red, pink inflamed, itchy and/or draining of the eye or eyes
- A persistent cough with bloody sputum or abnormal lung sounds or not improving after 4-5 days
- A sore throat, especially with exudate
- Undiagnosed rash or scaly patches on the body or scalp
- Open or draining lesions
- Intense itching
- Earache
- Head injury
- Toothache
- Pain
- Recurrent poor hygiene including incontinence of urine or feces, especially when requiring a complete change of clothing and/or extensive presence of excretions in body cavities, hair, shoes, etc.
- Evidence of active pediculosis (live head lice)
- Behavior indicating student is not well; usually crankiness or lethargy; student crying more than usual
- Suffering from a reportable disease, as defined by the Texas Board of Health
- Any symptoms or injury not listed is at the discretion of the School Nurse