## Health Guidelines

No parent wants a child to miss school without good reason, but sending a sick child to school can make a condition worse and put other children at risk. The following guidelines can help make that tough decision.

Students with the following signs and symptoms are to be excluded from school attendance until they are symptom free and/or fever free without medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

- 1. Fever with oral equivalent of 100.4 or greater
- 2. Vomiting
- 3. Diarrhea
- 4. Strep throat for 24 hours after the first dose of medication.
- 5. Flu until symptoms improved and fever free 24 hours without medication or according to physician's note.
- 6. A persistent productive cough and wheeze with thick constant nasal discharge
- 7. Skin rashes that are associated with fever or any drainage
- 8. Pinkeye- yellow discharge, eyes matted together after sleep, eye pain and redness.
- 9. Persistent productive cough that produces bloody sputum
- 10. Any open draining lesion
- 11. Evidence of head lice (pediculosis)

While at school, signs and symptoms will be assessed individually by the school nurse and may result in exclusion from attending class. The nurse will notify you if your student needs to be picked up.

The district is also required to report certain contagious (communicable) diseases or illnesses to the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) or our local/regional health authority. A list of reportable diseases can be found at <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/notifiable-conditions">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/notifiable-conditions</a>

If you have any questions at all about whether your child may attend school please contact your campus nurse.