

Health Issues

Illness or injury during school hours

Parents will be notified when a child is ill or injured during the school day except in very minor cases. Parents are required to pick up the child if she/he has been in the health room for an extended period of time. The school cannot allow a child to go home or elsewhere unless parental permission is given.

You must keep the school informed and up to date with emergency contact names and all emergency phone numbers. When parents cannot be reached in a serious emergency, the school will call the local rescue squad to transport the child to a hospital emergency room.

Regulations

Students who have a communicable disease must remain at home during the illness and MAY NOT return to school until total recovery. Any absence caused by a communicable disease must be reported immediately to the School Nurse as soon as a diagnosis is made.

Chicken Pox

Communicable 1 day before eruption to 6 days after rash symptoms are present.
Student may return to school 6 days from onset of rash.

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

Communicable as long as symptoms are present. *Student may not return to school until active inflammation subsides.*

Head Lice

Head lice are transmitted upon personal contact, or by the sharing of apparel or bedding. Nit eggs take 8-20 days to hatch. *Student may return to school after application of medication and **no evidence** of nits.* Your child will be re-examined upon return to school and will not be sent to the classroom unless he/she is nit-free. If nits are found, you will need to take your child home to reapply medication and comb out nits. A complete set of guidelines on removing the nits from your child and home will be given. Please follow these instructions thoroughly in order to keep your child from transferring nits or lice to others at the school. Prevention screening will take place in the fall and after winter break.

Impetigo

Contagious upon personal contact; evidenced by skin lesions.
Student may return to school after application of medication and 24 hours after start of treatment. Lesions need to be covered.

Strep Throat

Student may return to school 24 hours after beginning medication.

Medication at school

Contact the Office to receive a copy of the MCPS authorization form to be signed by the parent and physician. By state law, no medicine may be administered at school without the parent's written authorization **and** a statement from the physician. Authorized medicine, properly labeled by a pharmacist, must be hand delivered to the school by the parent. We are not permitted to administer aspirin, cough medicine, or any other non-prescription medication without written approval of the physician; and the medicine must be in a new, unopened container.

Immunizations

The Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requires all students entering school for the first time to present evidence of primary immunizations against chicken pox and hepatitis B (students ages five through eight years old), tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (students less than seven years of age), polio, measles and rubella, unless one of the criteria listed for exception in the regulation is fulfilled. No student may attend classes until the proper forms are on file.