

FAQs!

1. Can my child take a medication while at school?

- Yes. Both prescription and nonprescription medications can be taken at school. With the exception of inhalers and EpiPens, students are not allowed to carry and self-administer medications during the school day. Medications are kept in the main office and administered by trained staff. Consents will need to be filled out and signed in order for medications to be administered. See the “Healthcare Forms” tab to print off these consents.

2. What happens if my child gets sick or injured at school?

- Parents/guardians will be notified if the student is unable to return to class. If a parent/guardian is unable to be reached, other emergency contacts will be called. Please make sure all emergency contact numbers are up to date. For minor injuries, parents are not routinely called.

3. When do I need to keep my child home from school?

Sometimes this isn't always a clear-cut decision! Generally speaking, a student should be able to fully participate in class (including gym and recess) when he/she is at school. If your child is not feeling well enough to do this, he/she should stay home for the day. Some other general guidelines:

- Fever >100: Fevers indicate a child is fighting off some sort of illness. Your child should be fever-free for 24 hours (without any fever reducing medications like Tylenol or ibuprofen) before returning to school.
- Vomiting or diarrhea: Please keep your child home until he/she is able to keep down food from at least the evening before and breakfast that morning.
- Strep throat: Students can return to school after being on antibiotics for 24 hours.

When deciding if your child can go to school, use your best judgment and keep in mind that if your child is uncomfortable, he/she won't be able to concentrate or learn. You may also want to call your child's medical provider for further help deciding. Please remember to call the Pony Attendance line 938-4194 to report when your child will be absent due to illness/injury.

4. What health screenings are done at school?

- Vision screening: Vision screening is done on all students grades 4K-5th, 7th, and 9th once per school year. Parents can also request a screening on any student at any time.
- Hearing screening: Hearing screening is done on all students grades 4K-1st once per school year. Parents can also request a screening on any student at any time.

5. Will I be notified if my child has been exposed to a communicable disease while at school?

- The district follows the direction of the Green County Health department regarding communicable disease notification. Illnesses such as pertussis (whooping cough) or H1N1 flu are reportable illnesses. If your child has been exposed to another student diagnosed with a reportable illness, you will be notified by letter and given further information provided by the Green County Health Department. Parents are not routinely notified for isolated cases of head lice, pink eye, or various other viral illnesses.

6. My child has a specific health concern or special health care needs while at school. What do I need to do?

- Please contact the school nurse to set up a meeting time to discuss your child's needs. An Individualized Health Plan will be made to assist your child and to give staff specific directions for cares needed. Cares are delegated by the school nurse to staff who are appropriately trained.