

## Nazareth Area School District Kindergarten Registration

Dear Parent or Guardian:

My name is Christine Brown I am the certified school nurse at Kenneth N Butz Elementary School (KNBES) along with Tahizy Bugbee associate school nurse at KNBES. I am in the school building Monday thru Friday. Mrs. Bugbee is with me every Thursday and Friday.

We provide the mandated health services for your child while at school. These mandated services are annual vision, hearing, growth and scoliosis (6th & 7th grade only) screenings. We also provide care for sick and injured children during school hours. If you have any questions or concerns or a child with a medical need please contact me as soon as possible.

The information below will best help us to meet your child's health needs while at school and ensure that you meet the health requirements for school attendance. Please inform the school nurse as soon as possible of any chronic health conditions, allergic conditions or medical procedures your child may require during the school day so that we can be ready on the first day of school to meet your child's needs.

The medical requirements for kindergarten entry in Pennsylvania are as follows:

### 1. Physical and Dental Exams:

Please see the forms enclosed to bring to your doctor and dentist.

### 2. Health information form:

Please complete and return to the school nurse

### 3. Immunizations:

Please refer to the enclosed flier. The school nurse will review the immunization record you uploaded to assure compliance with the requirements for school attendance. If the record is non-compliant you will be notified.

**If your child receives any immunizations after you registered please email an updated copy of the immunizations to the school nurse.** The State of Pennsylvania does allow for a medical or religious exemption.



### Medication in school policy:

If medication is needed for your child it will be administered under the guidelines of the Medication Policy of the Nazareth Area School District. All medications given at school must be prescribed by a physician. Written parent/guardian consent is also required for medications to be given at school. Medications must be in the original pharmacy container appropriately labeled with the student's name and details for administration of medication. Over-the-counter medications can only be given at school with signed physician instructions and signed parental permission form. All medications must be provided to the school from the parent/guardian.

Additional information and forms from the nurse (allergy action plan, asthma plan, seizure plan, diabetic plan, medication form, physical, dental etc.) can be accessed from the Butz Elementary School Nurse website.

### All forms and documents can be mailed, faxed or scanned and emailed to the nurse:

Kenneth N. Butz Elementary  
Attn: Christine Brown School Nurse  
960 Bushkill Center Rd. Nazareth, PA 18064  
Fax: 610-849-0866 Email: [cbrown@nazarethasd.org](mailto:cbrown@nazarethasd.org)

Sincerely:

**Christine Brown RN, BSN, CSN**  
610-759-1118 Ext 5000



# SCHOOL VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE IN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS

## FOR ATTENDANCE IN ALL GRADES CHILDREN NEED THE FOLLOWING:



- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis\* (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)\*\*
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella\*\*\*
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

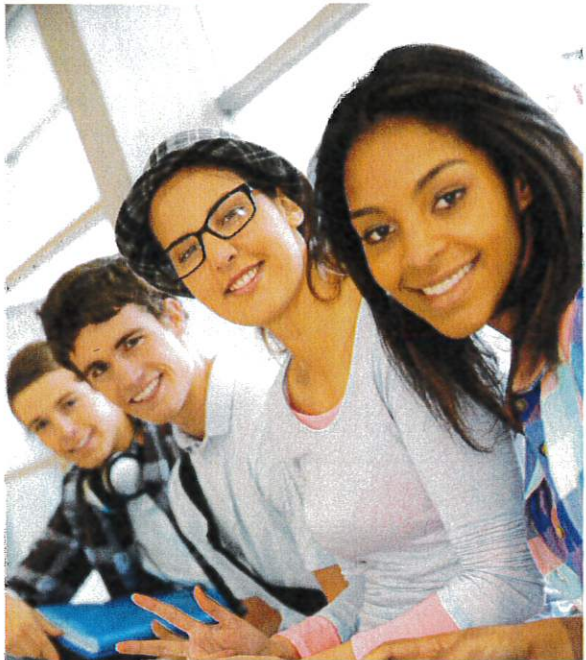
*\*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically advisable, DT or Td*

*\*\* A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose*

*\*\*\*Usually given as MMR*

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL,** unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had at least one dose of the above vaccinations or risk exclusion.

- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is medically appropriate, the child must receive that dose within the first five days of school or risk exclusion. If the next dose is not the final dose of the series, the child must also provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is not medically appropriate, the child must provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- The medical plan must be followed or risk exclusion.



## FOR ATTENDANCE IN 7TH GRADE:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) on the first day of 7th grade.
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of 7th grade.

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF 7TH GRADE,** unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion.

## FOR ATTENDANCE IN 12TH GRADE:

- 1 dose of MCV on the first day of 12th grade. If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the twelfth grade dose.

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF 12TH GRADE,** unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion.

**The vaccines required for entrance, 7th grade and 12th grade continue to be required in each succeeding school year.**

These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reason, religious belief, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. Even if your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease.

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 Pa.CODE CH.23 (School Immunization). Contact your healthcare provider or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH for more information.



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



# NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN HEALTH INFORMATION FORM

## Kenneth N Butz Elementary School

Completed at kindergarten registration then followed up yearly with the health update form sent to every student at the beginning of the school year

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical History(please check all medical concerns/history):

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Had chicken pox disease       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sickle cell disease/trait       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orthopedic concerns           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Migraines or frequent headaches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatic fever               | <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent stomach issues         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech impairment               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowel concerns _____          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bladder/kidney concerns _____ |  |

### ☐ Mental health concerns

- |                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety     | <input type="checkbox"/> OCD     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aspergers   | <input type="checkbox"/> ODD     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autism      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bipolar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression  |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                  |

### ☐ Cardiac concerns

- |                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Murmur       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypotension  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tachycardia  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |                                       |

### ☐ Asthma

- ☐ Medication (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

### ☐ Hearing impairment

- |                                      |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tubes       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing loss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic wax  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deafness    |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                       |

### ☐ Vision impairment

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wears glasses        | <input type="checkbox"/> Astigmatism               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blindness            | <input type="checkbox"/> Cataracts                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color vision deficit | <input type="checkbox"/> Convergence insufficiency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amblyopia            | <input type="checkbox"/> Retinal damage            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____          |  |

### ☐ ADD/ADHD

- ☐ Medication \_\_\_\_\_

### ☐ Diabetes

- ☐ Type I
- ☐ Type II Date diagnosed \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Insulin dependent \_\_\_\_ Pump \_\_\_\_ Syringe

☐ **Seizures**

Date of last seizure \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Generalized (absence, tonic-clonic or atonic)  
☐ Focal onset (simple/complex partial)  
☐ Unknown onset

Date last seen by neurologist: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Daily seizure medication (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Emergency seizure medication (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Allergies**

☐ Seasonal/Environmental

☐ Bee sting

☐ Localized

☐ Anaphylaxis

☐ Animal \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Localized

☐ Anaphylaxis

☐ Peanuts

☐ Localized

☐ Anaphylaxis

☐ Latex

☐ Localized

☐ Anaphylaxis

☐ Egg

☐ Localized

☐ Anaphylaxis

☐ Drug \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Milk

☐ Localized

☐ Anaphylaxis

☐ Tree nuts

☐ Localized

☐ Anaphylaxis

☐ Shellfish

☐ Localized

☐ Anaphylaxis

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Localized

☐ Anaphylaxis

☐ **History of serious accident and/or injury:**

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Surgery** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Other (please list any other concerns you want the school nurse to be aware of):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Medication (please list all medication use a separate sheet of paper if needed)**

☐ Daily \_\_\_\_\_

☐ As needed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Medication needed during school hours

The above information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to share information with appropriate school personnel, as necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





Bureau of Community Health Systems  
Division of School Health

## Private or School PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL AGE STUDENT

### PARENT / GUARDIAN / STUDENT:

Complete page one of this form before  
student's exam. Take completed form to  
appointment.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age at time of exam \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

**Medicines and Allergies:** Please list all prescription and over-the-counter medicines and supplements (herbal/nutritional) the student is currently taking:

Does the student have any allergies? ☐ No ☐ Yes (If yes, list specific allergy and reaction.)

☐ Medicines ☐ Pollens ☐ Food ☐ Stinging Insects

Complete the following section with a check mark in the YES or NO column; circle questions you do not know the answer to.

| GENERAL HEALTH: <i>Has the student...</i>   | YES | NO |
|---|-----|----|
| 1. Any ongoing medical conditions? If so, please identify:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Infection<br>Other _____   |     |    |
| 2. Ever stayed more than one night in the hospital?   |     |    |
| 3. Ever had surgery?  |     |    |
| 4. Ever had a seizure?  |     |    |
| 5. Had a history of being born without or is missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle (males), spleen, or any other organ?  |     |    |
| 6. Ever become ill while exercising in the heat?  |     |    |
| 7. Had frequent muscle cramps when exercising?  |     |    |
| HEAD/NECK/SPINE: <i>Has the student...</i>  | YES | NO |
| 8. Had headaches with exercise?   |     |    |
| 9. Ever had a head injury or concussion?  |     |    |
| 10. Ever had a hit or blow to the head that caused confusion, prolonged headache, or memory problems?   |     |    |
| 11. Ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in his/her arms or legs after being hit or falling?  |     |    |
| 12. Ever been unable to move arms or legs after being hit or falling?   |     |    |
| 13. Noticed or been told he/she has a curved spine or scoliosis?  |     |    |
| 14. Had any problem with his/her eyes (vision) or had a history of an eye injury?   |     |    |
| 15. Been prescribed glasses or contact lenses?  |     |    |
| HEART/LUNGS: <i>Has the student...</i>  | YES | NO |
| 16. Ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine?  |     |    |
| 17. Ever had the doctor say he/she has a heart problem? If so, check all that apply:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Heart murmur or heart infection<br><input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Kawasaki disease<br><input type="checkbox"/> High cholesterol <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |     |    |
| 18. Been told by the doctor to have a heart test? (For example, ECG/EKG, echocardiogram)?   |     |    |
| 19. Had a cough, wheeze, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath or felt lightheaded DURING or AFTER exercise?  |     |    |
| 20. Had discomfort, pain, tightness or chest pressure during exercise?  |     |    |
| 21. Felt his/her heart race or skip beats during exercise?  |     |    |
| BONE/JOINT: <i>Has the student...</i>   | YES | NO |
| 22. Had a broken or fractured bone, stress fracture, or dislocated joint?   |     |    |
| 23. Had an injury to a muscle, ligament, or tendon?   |     |    |
| 24. Had an injury that required a brace, cast, crutches, or orthotics?  |     |    |
| 25. Needed an x-ray, MRI, CT scan, injection, or physical therapy following an injury?  |     |    |
| 26. Had joints that become painful, swollen, feel warm, or look red?  |     |    |
| SKIN: <i>Has the student...</i>   | YES | NO |
| 27. Had any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems?   |     |    |
| 28. Ever had herpes or a MRSA skin infection?   |     |    |

| GEN/TOURINARY: <i>Has the student...</i>  | YES | NO |
|---|-----|----|
| 29. Had groin pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?  |     |    |
| 30. Had a history of urinary tract infections or bedwetting?  |     |    |
| 31. <b>FEMALES ONLY:</b> Had a menstrual period? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br>If yes: At what age was her first menstrual period? _____<br>How many periods has she had in the last 12 months? _____<br>Date of last period: _____   |     |    |
| DENTAL:   | YES | NO |
| 32. Has the student had any pain or problems with his/her gums or teeth?  |     |    |
| 33. Name of student's dentist: _____<br>Last dental visit: <input type="checkbox"/> less than 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 years <input type="checkbox"/> greater than 2 years   |     |    |
| SOCIAL/LEARNING: <i>Has the student...</i>  | YES | NO |
| 34. Been told he/she has a learning disability, intellectual or developmental disability, cognitive delay, ADD/ADHD, etc.?  |     |    |
| 35. Been bullied or experienced bullying behavior?  |     |    |
| 36. Experienced major grief, trauma, or other significant life event?   |     |    |
| 37. Exhibited significant changes in behavior, social relationships, grades, eating or sleeping habits; withdrawn from family or friends?   |     |    |
| 38. Been worried, sad, upset, or angry much of the time?  |     |    |
| 39. Shown a general loss of energy, motivation, interest or enthusiasm?   |     |    |
| 40. Had concerns about weight; been trying to gain or lose weight or received a recommendation to gain or lose weight?  |     |    |
| 41. Used (or currently uses) tobacco, alcohol, or drugs?  |     |    |
| FAMILY HEALTH:  | YES | NO |
| 42. Is there a family history of the following? If so, check all that apply:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Anemia/blood disorders <input type="checkbox"/> Inherited disease/syndrome<br><input type="checkbox"/> Asthma/lung problems <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney problems<br><input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral health issue <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure disorder<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Sickle cell trait or disease<br>Other _____ |     |    |
| 43. Is there a family history of any of the following heart-related problems? If so, check all that apply:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Brugada syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> QT syndrome<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cardiomyopathy <input type="checkbox"/> Marfan syndrome<br><input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Ventricular tachycardia<br><input type="checkbox"/> High cholesterol <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                   |     |    |
| 44. Has any family member had unexplained fainting, unexplained seizures, or experienced a near drowning?   |     |    |
| 45. Has any family member / relative died of heart problems before age 50 or had an unexpected / unexplained sudden death before age 50 (includes drowning, unexplained car accidents, sudden infant death syndrome)?   |     |    |
| QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS   | YES | NO |
| 46. Are there any questions or concerns that the student, parent or guardian would like to discuss with the health care provider? (If yes, write them on page 4 of this form.)  |     |    |

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information is true and complete. I give my consent for an exchange of health information between the school nurse and health care providers.

Signature of parent / guardian / emancipated student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



STUDENT'S HEALTH HISTORY (page 1 of this form) REVIEWED PRIOR TO PERFORMING EXAMINATION: Yes ☐ No ☐

| Physical exam for grade:<br>K/1 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> | CHECK ONE |           |       | *ABNORMAL FINDINGS / RECOMMENDATIONS / REFERRALS |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------|--|
|  | NORMAL    | *ABNORMAL | DEFER |  |
| Height: ( ) inches   |           |           |       |  |
| Weight: ( ) pounds   |           |           |       |  |
| BMI: ( )   |           |           |       |  |
| BMI-for-Age Percentile: ( ) %  |           |           |       |  |
| Pulse: ( )   |           |           |       |  |
| Blood Pressure: ( / )  |           |           |       |  |
| Hair/Scalp   |           |           |       |  |
| Skin   |           |           |       |  |
| Eyes/Vision Corrected <input type="checkbox"/>   |           |           |       |  |
| Ears/Hearing   |           |           |       |  |
| Nose and Throat  |           |           |       |  |
| Teeth and Gingiva  |           |           |       |  |
| Lymph Glands   |           |           |       |  |
| Heart  |           |           |       |  |
| Lungs  |           |           |       |  |
| Abdomen  |           |           |       |  |
| Genitourinary  |           |           |       |  |
| Neuromuscular System   |           |           |       |  |
| Extremities  |           |           |       |  |
| Spine (Scoliosis)  |           |           |       |  |
| Other  |           |           |       |  |

| TUBERCULIN TEST | DATE APPLIED | DATE READ | RESULT/FOLLOW-UP |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------------------|
|                 |              |           |                  |
|                 |              |           |                  |

## MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR CHRONIC DISEASES WHICH REQUIRE MEDICATION, RESTRICTION OF ACTIVITY, OR WHICH MAY AFFECT EDUCATION

(Additional space on page 4)

Parent/guardian present during exam: Yes ☐ No ☐Physical exam performed at: Personal Health Care Provider's Office ☐ School ☐ Date of exam \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Print name of examiner \_\_\_\_\_

Print examiner's office address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of examiner \_\_\_\_\_ MD ☐ DO ☐ PAC ☐ CRNP ☐

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**PRIVATE DENTIST REPORT  
OF DENTAL EXAMINATION OF A PUPIL OF SCHOOL AGE**

NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_

|               |       |        |     |  |       |              |
|---------------|-------|--------|-----|--|-------|--------------|
| NAME OF CHILD |       |        | AGE | SEX  | GRADE | SECTION/ROOM |
| Last          | First | Middle |     | <input type="checkbox"/> M<br><input type="checkbox"/> F |       |              |

ADDRESS

|                |                     |                  |        |       |     |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|--------|-------|-----|
| No. and Street | City or Post Office | Borough/Township | County | State | Zip |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|--------|-------|-----|

**REPORT OF EXAMINATION**

| TOOTH CHART |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
|-------------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
|             | RIGHT |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | LEFT |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| UPPER       | 1     | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9    | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | Upper |
|             |       |    |    | A  | B  | C  | D  | E  | F    | G  | H  | I  | J  |    |    |    |       |
| LOWER       | 32    | 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 24   | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | Lower |
|             |       |    |    | T  | S  | R  | Q  | P  | O    | N  | M  | L  | K  |    |    |    |       |
| UPPER       |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Upper |
| LOWER       |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Lower |

Is The Child Under Treatment?

Yes ☐No ☐

Treatment Completed

Yes ☐No ☐\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Dental Examination\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Dental Examiner\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Dental Examiner\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

## When to keep your child home from school due to an illness:

*From the desk of Christine Brown RN, BSN, CSN for Kenneth N. Butz, Jr. Elementary School*

It's hard sometimes to decide whether to send your children to school when they don't feel well. Illness is very seldom convenient! As busy parents, you have to consider work schedules, childcare arrangements, transportation and other family matters in that decision, and of course, you want what is best for your child's health.

It's also not easy to achieve a balance between reinforcing the importance of being at school and having the best attendance possible, and making a good parent decision that your child will not be able to be "in attendance" at school today because of illness. That's especially hard when you have those great "high-achievers" who don't want to miss a day and lose that perfect attendance record. But balance is what being a good parent is all about!

Kenneth N. Butz, Jr. Elementary School feels very strongly that good attendance is extremely important to your child's success at school! They must be here to learn. There are also important health reasons for keeping your child home from school, so here are some helpful guidelines to consider when you hear those words, "I feel sick; I don't want to go to school today."

Children who have the following symptoms should stay home and not come to school until these symptoms have been gone for at least 24 hours without the help of medication, or until your doctor sends a note that states the condition is not contagious and it is OK for your child to come back to school.

**FEVER** - check your child's temperature with a thermometer. If a fever over 100 degrees is present, DO NOT send him or her to school, even for just a little while in the morning so that they can have "perfect attendance." Responsible attendance is more important than perfect attendance in the long run and parents who use common sense and make healthy decisions about keeping their children home are the ones who should get the attendance rewards!

It doesn't help your child's health to give medicine for fever and send them on to school...that only reduces the fever for a short time, and doesn't take care of the illness that is causing the fever. Coming to school sick (and possibly contagious) not only exposes other children to the illness, but also delays your child's healing time. Once the medicine wears off and the fever returns, your child must be picked up anyway, and valuable healing time has been lost. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of medicine, before returning to school.

**RED EYES, ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS ALSO DRAINAGE OR CRUSTING AROUND THE EYE** -this can often mean your child has conjunctivitis, also known as pink-eye. Not all pink-eye is contagious. Sometimes it is just allergies or other irritations that are causing the red color, but until we know for sure (which means we must have a note from the doctor stating the condition is not contagious, or until the redness and drainage are completely gone), your child must remain out of school.



**VOMITING/DIARRHEA** - until we know that these are not signs of a contagious illness, such as a stomach virus, your child should be kept home. Consider how uncomfortable these two things are, even to an adult who has better control, and how distressed and embarrassed your child will be at school having to go to the restroom often, or feeling sick while sitting at his/her desk. If the vomiting or diarrhea happens more than once that day, or if they are associated with fever, you must keep your child home. Even if these things happen only one time before school starts, and your child feels better immediately afterwards, it is still wise to watch for a few hours to see if it happens again before sending him or her on to class. If your child is spending all his or her time at school feeling sick, then not much learning is taking place!

**SKIN RASHES** - if the rash has any fluid or pus coming from it, the child must remain out of school until the rash has been treated and a note from the doctor states it is ok to return to school, or until the rash is gone, dried, or scabbed over with no new spots appearing. Anytime a rash is associated with fever, the child may not come to school until that fever is gone for 24 hours without medication. Sometimes a rash is a sign of a contagious disease such as chickenpox. Sometimes, rashes are not contagious, but are uncomfortable and itchy from contact with something the child is allergic to. In that case, although school is certainly a good option, please consider comfort measures such as an antihistamine, following the district policy for medication administration at school and discussing possible treatment with your doctor and/or the school nurse.

**PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE) OR SCABIES** - these small insects cause skin conditions that are uncomfortable and itchy, and could become infected with all the scratching. Check with the school nurse to get information on treatment and when your child may return to school if those conditions are present.

If your child has other symptoms such as headaches, cramps, sore throat, cough and/or thick mucus that don't require them to be out of school but that will make them uncomfortable during class, please discuss the use of over-the-counter (OTC) or prescription medications with your doctor. Remember you must follow the district requirements for giving medicine at school. Call the school nurse if you are not sure about those requirements.

Kids who are truly sick will heal better and faster when they have proper rest at home, with healthy nutrition and plenty of fluid for hydration. Your school nurse is available for assistance during school hours if you have questions. We will always do our best to help you make a good decision based on our experience and knowledge as registered nurses, after considering the potential for spreading infections at school and what is in all the children's best interests. We have common goals with you- the health, safety, and school success of your child!