

School Health Policy

Illness

The obvious general rule is that the child must be well and completely recovered from any illness before returning to school. It is not fair to the other children and the teachers to expose them to contagious illness. Please see ***Some Reasons to Keep Your Child at Home.***

Medication Policy

Only medication prescribed by a student's physician or dentist, including over-the-counter (OTC) medication, will be administered during school hours by the staff at Runnels School. Prescription medication must be brought to the school by the parent in a current container that meets pharmaceutical standards. No more than one month's supply of oral medication should be provided for school. Parental and physician authorization must be documented on the ***Physician and Parental Medication Authorization*** forms before medication can be administered, without exception. OTC medication cannot be administered by Runnels School staff other than the medication listed on the ***First Aid Treatment Authorization*** form. The ***OTC Physician's Order*** form for these OTC medications must be completed by the student's physician or dentist and signed by a parent/guardian. Parents must administer other OTC medications to their own children and report the medication administration to the appropriate office personnel or school nurse. ***Children shall not carry any medication on their persons, in lockers, book bags, lunch boxes, or personal vehicles on school grounds unless ordered by the physician and OK'd by the school nurse (i.e., inhalers, Epipens).***

Clinic Services

A school nurse is available during school hours only. Services provided in the clinic are as follows:

- Basic first aid for injuries that occur during school hours.
- Treatment of illnesses that occur during school hours.
- Medication administration in compliance with our medication policy.
- Student screenings.
- Health maintenance for those students with chronic illnesses.

If your child is seen in the clinic for anything more than minor illness or injury, you will be notified. For this reason, it is imperative to provide us with up-to-date phone numbers for both parents and emergency contact persons.

Our main goal is to keep healthy children in school, to keep them safe and healthy while they are here, and to identify those children needing medical referral. Nurses practice under strict guidelines and are not allowed to make medical diagnoses. Therefore, any symptoms exhibited at home need to be addressed by your child's physician.