

FAIRFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
(from 2015-16 Student Handbook)

CLINIC/SICK ROOM POLICY

Emergency Medical Treatment

Parents and/or Guardians must complete and return an emergency medical form with all desired treatments for their child in case of emergency, as well as emergency contact names and phone numbers, including work numbers. Parents should update forms whenever changes occur.

Health Records

All students are required to have a complete set of health records in their student file. State law requires that these records include, but not limited to, immunization records, special health concerns, and other pertinent medical information. This requirement is for the protection of the individual student plus other students in the building. These records will be checked annually and those students failing to have the required immunizations, etc. will be excluded from school until the immunization records are received.

Immunization Law RC 3313.67-3313.671 states that children who do not have evidence of proper immunization will be excluded from school after 14 days of admittance.

Student Illness

If a student becomes ill or is injured at school, he/she should report to the nurse as soon as possible. Minor first aid may be administered if indicated in the case of an injury. If a student has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher while at school, they will be sent home. For an illness or injury of any serious nature the parent will be notified. The local life squad will be contacted to transport the student to the hospital of choice in cases of serious illness or injury upon notification (or attempts to notify) the parent or other adult listed on the emergency medical form. Parents who prefer another method of dealing with their child's illnesses or emergencies must notify school authorities of their preferences in writing.

MEDICATION

For the protection of all students, those students needing to take any type of medication during the school day must do the following:

- Request and complete the Administration of Medication form from the nurse's office. ***(Physician and Parent Signature is required)***.
- Return completed form and medication to nurse's office. Prescription bottles must carry a pharmacy label outlining dosage, type of medicine, and frequency of administering.
- Student is to request permission from his/her classroom teacher to go to the nurse's office to take the medication as prescribed.
- The school nurse or secretary will dispense all medication.

MEDICATIONS (ORC 3313.713)

State law prohibits school authorities from administering prescription or non-prescription drugs to students who are in their care unless specific procedures are followed. If your child must receive medication while at school, you must personally contact the school office to receive and complete the necessary forms. No prescription or non-prescription drugs are to be brought to school until the above guidelines are met. All required medications must be in their original, labeled container, delivered to, and stored in the nurse's office. If a child requires medication at school and does not have the appropriate form completed, the parent/guardian may bring the medication in and administer it to their child.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

No student is to attend school when suffering from any type of illness during its contagious period. One or two ill students can spread a contagious disease to many other students. Students suffering from "pink eye", scabies, head lice and other certain contagious illnesses as listed by the Highland county Board of Health are prohibited from attending school by state law. If a student comes to school with one of these listed diseases he/she will be removed from school until a health professional assures the school that the child is no longer contagious. Contact your personal physician or the Highland County Board of Health for further information on contagious diseases.

Keep your child home from school if:

- Your child was sick with vomiting or watery diarrhea within the last 24 hours.
- Your child had a fever of 100 degrees or higher at anytime within the last 24 hours.
- Your child is being treated for strep throat (your child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before coming back to school).
- Your child has a lasting cough or cold with fever and body aches.
- Your child has crusted or matted eyelashes and/or green, yellow, or white sticky eye drainage along with eye redness. Please note: your child needs to see the doctor for medication and can return to school with treatment or doctor note.

When your child has a cold please remember:

- Give the school a telephone number where you can be reached if your child gets worse.
- Remind your child to cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing. Teach your child to cough or sneeze into their bent arm (inside of elbow).
- Teach your child to wash hands often. Encourage good hand washing at school and at home. It's the best way to stop the spread of illness or disease!
- Use Tylenol or ibuprofen for fever. Do not use aspirin. It can cause Reyes Syndrome which can be fatal to your child.