

Abernathy ISD Clinic Guidelines

Students' health and safety are the school nurse's main concern. In an effort to keep the student population as healthy as possible, the following guidelines have been prepared by the AISD nurse for parent reference.

1. Nurse-excused absences are only allowed if the nurse assesses the student and the student meets the criteria for being sent home. The nurse cannot excuse a child if he/she calls from the class room, calls from his/her cell phone, or does not meet the requirements. The nurse can only excuse the next day absence if the student meets the going home requirements and needs to stay home per guidelines.
2. AISD students will be sent home with a temperature greater than 100 degrees, multiple episodes of vomiting and/or diarrhea, asthma symptoms unrelieved via medication or rest, multiple live lice, or any symptom suspicious of a communicable disease (see CDC Communicable Disease Chart).
3. Students should not be sent to school with a temperature greater than 100 degrees, vomiting or diarrhea. If a student has been medicated for a temperature, he/she may still be contagious and will spread the illness to other students. AISD requires that students be fever/diarrhea/vomiting free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school.
4. For student safety, all medications at AISD are kept in the campus clinic, and written permission from the parent/guardian is required before the medication can be given. If a student is on medication less than four times per day, it is suggested that the medication be scheduled before school, right after school, and at bedtime. If a student must have a dose of medication at school, please bring the medication in its original container to the school nurse and fill out a Medication Request Form. Parents/guardians should not allow young students to carry medications to or from school. Students are not allowed to carry medication on their person unless they have a medical necessity and have the proper paperwork in place with the nurse's office.
5. The nurse does not necessarily call the parent/guardian for every visit a student makes to the clinic. A written note, instead of a phone call, may be sent home for a health concern needing attention. A phone call is made if immediate parent/guardian contact is needed.
6. It is the parent's responsibility to contact the nurse's office if a child's emergency contact numbers change during the school year.