

## GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Dear Parent,

Your children can best benefit from their educational program when they feel well enough to participate and are not infectious to other students and staff. Here are a few guidelines you can follow to decide if your child is well enough to attend school as well as school guidelines for sick children:

1. **FEVER**-any child with a temperature of 100 or more must be kept home. Your child must be fever free (without the use of medication to reduce it) for 24 hours before returning to school. Sick children should not ride the bus or walk home alone.
2. **COLD**-your child may attend school with a mild cold if they seem well and are fever free. However, a child with a frequent hacking cough or a persistent runny nose should stay at home until symptoms improve.
3. **INFECTIOUS DISEASE**-children with infectious diseases such as strep throat, pinkeye (conjunctivitis), scarlet fever, etc...must be on medications for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school. Children with infectious skin disease such as impetigo or ringworm must be on the appropriate medication for a minimum of 24 hours and must keep the affected area covered at school.
4. **RASHES**-a child with an unidentified skin rash may not be allowed at school, whether the rash is contagious or not. A doctor's note must be presented to the school explaining the rash.
5. **VOMITING AND DIARRHEA**-if your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, please keep them at home.
6. **MEDICATION**-students can receive medication at school only if the provider and the parent have signed the provider medication forms. This applies to over-the-counter medications as well. Parents must bring the medication to the school in the original container or prescription bottle. Secondary students may carry medications if the proper procedure is followed. Please see the school handbook.
7. **LICE**-if your child is found to have lice, you will be notified and they can return to school following appropriate treatment. For the sake of all children, if you know your child has lice, TREAT THEM before you send them to school. Without diligence in combing the nits out of the hair numerous times, the nits will reattach in 7-10 days and the process will begin again. COMBING MULTIPLE TIMES is the key to getting rid of lice.
8. **SERIOUS INJURY/ILLNESS**-a student with a serious injury or illness attending school with a cast, crutches, splint, wheelchair, dressings, etc... needs a note from the provider outlining restrictions and activity level. This is so staff can be informed and precautions taken to prevent further injury.
9. **FLU VACCINE**-the school nurses will be offering flu vaccine to every child this fall. Information will be sent home with your student. Please watch for the letter and contact the school if you do not receive any further information from your child.

The Hobbs Schools nurses are always available if you have any questions about your child's health care needs.