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School Nurse

Communication is the key to a successful year. Call your child's school and ask for the nurse. Nurses serve more than one building, but the school secretary can connect you to the school the nurse is at.

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Staying Home From School

Children should be kept home when they can not participate in the classroom. Symptoms which would prevent this would be fever, diarrhea, vomiting, eye drainage, communicable illness, etc. Children should be fever free for 24 hrs. before returning to school.

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Illness Care

School nurses and your health care provider can provide up to date information. Nurses have many resources available to them. Please contact Health Services for any questions.

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Health Challenges

Students with diabetes, asthma, allergies, seizures, or other health diagnoses are required to have annual doctor's orders. You can obtain an 'Individualized Health Plan' at school or on our web site. Always contact Health Services with updated information. Communication between parents and nurses is vital to the well-being of each student.

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Medicine At School

If it is necessary to give medication at school either daily, or as needed, parent signature is required. Forms are available at school or on the Health Services web site. All medication must be in the small original bottle, and transported by an adult (students in grades 9-12 may carry if needed).

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If My Child Has An Emergency Will I Be Contacted

Yes. The nurse, principal, or school secretary will contact you. That is why it is so important for school to have your up-to-date contact information. Please notify the office of any changes. First aid will be applied while someone is contacting you. If an ambulance is required, you will be contacted immediately.

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What Shots Are Required for School

School guidelines are followed according to the Indiana State Department of Health. You will find a 'Quick Reference Guide' by going to their web site. This guide can also be requested at school.

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Are Screenings Done At School

At the start of each year students will get their height and weight checked. This screening is a good barometer of how a child is developing. Head checks will also be done on an individual basis as needed as fall and spring seasons find head lice a common nuisance. The Indiana State Dept. of Health (ISDH) requires vision screening in grades K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, & 8th. Nurses will also do any vision referrals. Hearing screens are done by Wabash-Miami Area Program staff in grades K, 1st, 4th, 7th, & 10th.