



Orange County Schools
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM
Student Support Services Division
200 East King Street
Hillsborough, NC 27278

The goal of the School Health Program is to help your child stay as healthy as possible, allowing him/her to develop their full academic potential – “**healthy children learn better**”. The following information is intended to provide you with necessary school health information.

- According to NC Immunization law, each child must have a Certificate of Immunization on file with the school within the first thirty (30) calendar days of school to avoid suspension. It is the parent’s responsibility to provide this official record from the health care provider.
- According to NC law, each student entering kindergarten must have a physical health assessment on file with the school within the first (30) calendar days of entry to avoid suspension.
- Any student who requires medication at school must have a medication authorization form completed by a physician. This form must be completed for prescription as well as over-the-counter medications. These medications can include, but are not limited to, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, cough medicines, eye drops, nasal sprays and herbal medications.
- Children who have been diagnosed with certain communicable diseases should not return to school until they have been treated appropriately. For example, a student with strep throat should not return until he/she has received antibiotic treatment for 24 hours.
- Students should not be sent to school with a temperature greater than 100°. Those who develop a fever greater than 100° or show signs of illness will be sent home. They should not return to school until they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. **Do not medicate a child with fever reducing medicine and send them to school.**
- Any child who has a chronic health condition (such as asthma, diabetes, etc.) or a severe allergy (such as a bee sting, food allergy, etc.) should have an emergency health care plan at school. The School Nurse will work with parents/guardians to complete this plan.
- If there is any significant change in your child’s health status, such as a hospitalization, new medical procedure, etc. please notify the School Nurse as soon as possible.
- There may be times when your child becomes sick or injured at school. The school must be able to contact you immediately. Please complete the front and back of your child’s emergency and health information card as thoroughly as possible. If your contact numbers change, let the school know.
- OCS has a “No Nit” policy for head lice. If your child has head lice, you will be asked to pick them up as soon as possible. He/she will need to be rechecked by the school nurse before returning to school.
- For further questions, please contact your School Nurse.