

HEALTH POLICIES

Each parent should inform their child's teacher of any physical or emotional problems that require special consideration. If your child has any serious physical conditions or problems that could require immediate medical attention, the parent must provide the office with written directions to follow until the parent can be contacted.

The administration of medication to pupils while they are in school is to be avoided. Treatment schedules which allow doses to be given at times other than during school hours are preferred and encouraged. When, however, in the opinion of the physician, it is necessary for the child to be given medication during school hours, the principal will be responsible for the establishment of a safe method of storage for medication and the designation of a responsible person to administer such medication.

This policy, as implemented by South Lake Elementary School, means:

1. No medication, even aspirin, will be provided by the school.
2. Only oral medication will be administered, except in emergencies.
3. No one other than the office staff is to be asked to store or administer medicine.
4. Parental consent and a physician's prescription with directions for administering it must accompany the medication, using MCPS Form 525-13.
5. The parent must bring the medicine to school properly labeled by a pharmacist. No child is to bring medication to school.
6. The first day's dosage will not be given at school.
7. The school health nurse will review the prescriptions kept at school from time to time.

Child Illness at Home

To prevent the spread of communicable diseases (colds included), parents are requested to keep children home if illness is suspected. We find that children who are not feeling well usually cannot do their work satisfactorily and their presence in school does not make it worthwhile.

Child Illness at School

If a child becomes ill or is injured during the school day, the office will notify the parent. In case we are not able to locate either parent, the office will contact the "relative or neighbor to contact in case of emergency" who is listed on the child's enrollment card. It is vital that the school have up-to-date emergency numbers and addresses for each child. In addition, you must state your doctor's name and address. If no one expects to be home during the day, it is advisable to let your child know who should be contacted in the event of illness or injury.