

East Point Academy

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY

EPA School Health Rooms are operated M-F, 9am - 3pm, under the supervision of a SC licensed Registered Nurse. School nurse is responsible for maintaining a health record on all students. Health Cards are blue and are to be completed by parent/guardian annually. The Health Room is designed to be an emergency station to care for minor illnesses or injuries that occur at school. Injuries or health concerns that occur outside of school should be treated at home or by student's healthcare provider. The school nurse cannot diagnose or prescribe treatment. This is the responsibility of student's health care provider. There are times when a student should remain home for their welfare and for the protection of others. Please see the "DHEC School Exclusion List" for students: <https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/Library/CR-011634.pdf>. These exclusion lists are updated annually by DHEC. If a student develops a communicable disease, the parent should notify the school nurse. This will allow the nurse to alert teachers to observe other students for symptoms or to notify appropriate DHEC persons if needed. Parents should also notify the school nurse of any special health care needs and have the child's physician forward documentation to the school for their health record and any treatment plan needed. In the event that a student becomes ill or injured and needs to go home, the parent/guardian or emergency contact person listed on the health card will be contacted and expected to come for the child immediately. For this reason, the school should be kept up-to-date on any changes in phone numbers of those persons to be contacted in an emergency.

MEDICATIONS

Prescription medication forms must be completed and signed by the prescribing physician and parent/guardian and accompany the medication when brought to school. Medications to be taken during school hours must be brought to school and delivered to the school nurse or designated adult in the ORIGINAL container with ALL LABELS intact, noting name, date, prescribed frequency, dosage, and route. MEDICATIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE TRANSPORTED IN THE STUDENTS BACKPACK AND WILL NOT BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS. Over-the-counter medications will be given according to the appropriate age/weight as directed on the bottle for up to 3 days only. Because of the relationship of Reye's syndrome to aspirin, products containing aspirin or salicylates will not be administered at school without a written prescription from a physician. Medications kept at school must be picked up by a responsible adult when the medication is discontinued, expired, or at the end of the school year. If medication is needed on a field trip, the parent/guardian is responsible for providing this medication in the original pharmacy-labeled or manufacturer-labeled container with only the dosage(s) needed for the trip. Please consult with your pharmacist about providing a labeled container with proper dosage for school usage and field trips. No medications are kept over the summer and the health room closes on the last day of school, or earlier, as designated by the Lead School Nurse.

For any medically fragile student, please contact the school nurse directly to discuss the development of an IHP/Individual Health Care Plan to meet the student's medical needs.

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