

OLS Health Services Policy

- Our Lady of Sorrows has a registered nurse on duty between 9:00am-1:00pm on school days.

SCREENINGS

- All students are weighed and measured annually.
- Routine visual and/or audiometer (hearing) screenings are done on all children.
- Scoliosis screening is done at age 10 and above.

WHEN IS YOUR CHILD TOO SICK TO BE IN SCHOOL?

- Any child with a temperature that registers 100.5 or higher will be sent home. The child will not be allowed to return to school for at least 24 hours. This means that if a child is sent home on Monday with a temperature the earliest he/she can return to school is Wednesday. A child has to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducing medication, such as Motrin or Tylenol. If a child goes all day and night without these medications and remains fever free then they may return to school.
- If a child has vomited and feels nauseous the child will be sent home. The child will not be allowed to return to school for 24 hours or the whole day without vomiting
- If a child comes to school with a bad cold or cough or anything else that hinders him/her from doing school work or participating in physical activity the parents will be called to pick up the child and bring him/her home.
- If your child is diagnosed with Strep, please inform the nurse within 24 hours of diagnosis. Cases of Strep must be reported to the local health department to monitor for possible outbreaks. No identifying information is passed along to the health department only that there was a case of strep and what grade the student is in. Children diagnosed with Strep may return to school after being on antibiotics for 24 hours.

Any child that is absent from school 3 or more days must bring in a doctor's note or your child will not be allowed to return to school

POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

1. A parent or guardian should come to the school and personally administer the medication.
2. If this arrangement is not possible, the school nurse, the principal, or her designees will administer the medication under the following conditions:
 - a. The medication must be given to the school nurse or principal by the parent/guardian

- b. The medication must be in the original pharmacy-labeled container with the child's name, name of medication, time, route to which the medication is to be given and the dose clearly printed on the label.
- c. No medication will be given to another child or sibling that is taking the same medication without his/her name printed on the original bottle.
- d. The parent/guardian and the student's physician must complete and sign the *Authorization to Administer Medication in School* form. This form is available from the school office or nurse's office.
- e. Students will be permitted to self-administer medication only for life threatening illnesses and conditions.
- f. The parent/guardian must schedule a conference with the school nurse to discuss in detail the need for medication.

3. Medications on school trips:

- a. If a student is on medication, whether prescription or over the counter, and the physician says that the child needs to take this medication, and that child is scheduled to go on a school activity or trip away from school it is mandatory that the parent or school nurse accompany the child to this event. If the school nurse cannot attend then it is the parents' responsibility to go with the child or the child will be excluded from the event.

4. Medications exceptions for school trips:

- a. If a child is on an inhaler and the child can use this on their own, then the parent or the nurse does not have to accompany the child. The teachers will carry these inhalers and if the child needs this medication the student will be capable of self-administering this medication. A note stating that they are capable of self-administering the inhaler is required from both the physician and parent.

ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE

- As permitted by New Jersey Law, the School shall follow the orders of a physician or advanced practice nurse for emergency administration of epinephrine via Epi-pen for anaphylaxis.
- The School nurse shall have primary responsibility for administration of the Epi-pen. In the absence of the School nurse, another School employee, designated and trained in administration of the Epi-pen by the School nurse pursuant to New Jersey Law, may administer the Epi-pen.