



HEALTH SERVICES

Richardson Independent School District

Guidelines for Exclusion related to Childhood Illness & Disease

From the RISD Parent/Student Guidebook and Code of Conduct:

Fever

A student with an oral or tympanic temperature of **100.0 F (37.8 °C) or greater** must be excluded from school according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. A child should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, prior to returning to school to reduce the risk of spreading infections to other students.

Vomiting & Diarrhea

Students who experience vomiting and/or diarrhea may be infectious, feel uncomfortable, and be unable to focus in the classroom. The decision to exclude/not exclude a student with diarrhea or vomiting is made at the discretion of the school nurse or administrator. When excluded, the student should not return to school until free of vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours without medication.

Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)

If your child experiences painful, itchy (especially with yellow or green discharge or crusting of eyelashes) he/she may have pink eye. Children with pink eye will be excluded from school until a permit to return is issued from their health care provider, or the student is symptom free.

Rashes

When accompanied by other symptoms, such as fever, lethargy, or general discomfort, stay home and describe these symptoms to your doctor. An unexplained rash may be the first symptom of contagious illnesses and needs to be followed up with your doctor. A note from your health care provider will be necessary for your child to return to school.

Scabies, Ringworm, and Pinworms

Children with these conditions should be excluded until treated. Contact your school nurse for specific directions for care.

Wound Care

Children with draining wounds should be evaluated by a health care professional. All wounds must remain covered unless specific orders from a health care professional. Students with wounds should not share soap, towels, lotions, and other personal care items.

*A student can be excluded from attending school until the student obtains a doctor's diagnosis and treatment protocol for a rash, lesion, discharge, or other possible infectious condition.

Readmission of the student will require one of the following:

1. Certificate of the attending physician attesting to the student's recovery and non-infectiousness.
2. Permit issued by the local health authority.
3. A period of time corresponding to duration of the communicability of the disease, as established by the commissioner of health.

Keep your child home when:

- Signs of severe illness, including fever, irritability, difficulty breathing, extreme sleepiness, or a change in behavior.
- Mouth sores and drooling until a physician does not feel the condition is infectious.