

WHEN TO STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL

It is important for the health of all students, faculty, and staff that your child does not attend school when he/she is ill. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's illness, please call the school nurse or your licensed health care provider.

- If your child is running a fever of 100 or higher, please keep your child home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. Please call the school nurse to inform her of the absence and the reason of the absence.
- If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, please keep him/her at home until 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea. Call the school nurse to inform her of the absence and the reason.
- If your child has a rash or lesion of unknown reason, he/she should be evaluated by a licensed health care provider before returning to school. Inform the school nurse. Please provide written documentation to the school nurse from the licensed healthcare provider indicating that your child has been cleared to return to school.
- Enterprise City Schools does not have a "No-Nit" policy regarding head lice, i.e., a child may return to school with nits only. However, should you suspect head lice, please treat your child before bringing him/her to school. Following treatment, the student is to be brought to the school nurse for further evaluation. Please call the school nurse if you have any questions.
- Open sores with or without drainage should always be covered. If you suspect staph infection, please have your child evaluated by a licensed health care provider indicating your child may return to school.
- Red or pink eyes, with complaints of itching, pain, watering, drainage or crusting should be evaluated by a licensed healthcare provider. The child may return 24 hours after the start of antibiotics. Pink eye (conjunctivitis) is highly contagious. If your child is absent, please inform the school nurse of the absence and the reason.
- If your child has chicken pox, he/she may return to school after clearance from the licensed health care provider and when the blisters are dried and scabbed over (5-10 days after onset). Please call the school nurse as soon as possible once a diagnosis is made.
- Please note that Enterprise City Schools are mandated to report all chickenpox and other communicable disease cases to the Alabama Department of Public Health.

CONDITION	SIGNS/SYMPTOMS	INSTRUCTIONS
Common cold	Runny nose, watery eyes, irritated throat, chills & discomfort lasting 2-7 days. Fever may or may not be present. Affects work performance.	May keep child home until he/she feels better. Keep home from school if temperature is over 100 degrees.
Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	Tearing, irritation & redness of the white of the eye. Light sensitive & mucus & pus discharge.	Exclude from school until 24 hours after treatment by doctor. Proof of treatment is required.
Fever	Temperature 100 degrees or above.	Student must remain fever free for 24 hours.
Impetigo	Infected, crusted sores with thick scabs & reddish skin. Honey colored drainage.	Exclude from school until 24 hours after treatment by doctor. Proof of treatment is required.
Rash	Any type of flat or raised areas of redness with or without drainage of any area of skin.	Exclude from school until rash is diagnosed by doctor. "Return to School" release must come from doctor.
Ringworm, scalp (Tetter)	Small pimples in circular pattern, bald area inside circles. Itching.	Exclude from school until doctor treats and allows return. Proof of treatment is required.
Ringworm, body	Small pimples in circular pattern. May be dry and scaly or moist and crusted. Itching.	Exclude from school until proof of treatment with an antifungal cream.