

Calhoun County Public Schools Health Room Policy

Effective August, 2015:

1. Calhoun County Public Schools nurses are available to assist students with minor illness or injury during the school day in order to keep the children in school. In order to receive these services, students must have a completed School Health History on file. We also have certain Over-the-Counter medications for common illnesses in our offices. These can be given to students who have an OTC Medication permission form on file.
2. All **prescription medications** must have a written order from a licensed prescriber (MD, NP, PA, DDS, midwife) and a signed parent/guardian permission form. These medications must be in their original containers labeled with the student's name. Students must have a current school health record on file with the nurse before any medications will be given. **No medication will be given until the appropriate papers are on file with the nurse.** Medications (short term and long term) must be brought to the school nurse or secretary by the parent or guardian. **Children are not allowed to transport medications from home.**
3. When the licensed nurse is assigned to a single school, access to medication is his/her responsibility. In the absence of the school nurse, access to medication comes under the authority of the school principal.
4. Medications will be counted with the parent/responsible party/other staff member and the school nurse, to verify an accurate count of medications received. Controlled substances will be counted weekly by the licensed nurse and a staff witness.
5. **The licensed nurse may refuse to administer any medication which does not meet these requirements or that he/she deems inappropriate for taking during school hours.**
6. Students with chronic health conditions requiring treatments that must be performed by school personnel during the school day, and/or are needed on an emergent basis to prevent death or disability will have an individual health care plan. The registered nurse with input from the student's health care practitioner, the student as appropriate, the student's parent's or legal guardian, and other school staff members as appropriate will develop the initial plan. This plan will be updated yearly and as needed by the nurse assigned to the school.
7. Calhoun County Public Schools will abide by the DHEC Exclusions List for Schools. A copy is sent home at the beginning of each year. Students will be sent home for fever 100.0 or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, constant coughing, and any illness requiring exclusion according to DHEC School Exclusions list. Students should be free of any of these symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. If the student cannot function in class, you will be notified to pick up your child.
8. No student having head lice will be allowed to return to school until he/she has been treated with a pediculicide shampoo. The parent or guardian must come to school with the student to have his/her head checked by the nurse. The box top of the shampoo must be brought with your child. All live bugs must be gone before the child will be allowed back in school.
9. If your child has health problems that require reasons to leave class, please call the nurse. Your physician can provide written instructions allowing students to leave class for restroom needs, etc. Please contact your school nurse with any health problems or concerns.