

# Student Health Services Kindergarten Orientation

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**A partnership between Fairfax  
County Health Department  
and FCPS**



# Goal of the Student Health Services

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- The goal of this partnership is to promote a safe and healthy environment in which to maximize your child's educational experience.





# Role of the Public Health Nurse

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- Identify and address medical and health concerns of students
- Train teachers and staff to support individual student health needs
- Act as a liaison between the Health Department and FCPS
- Investigate reports of communicable disease and increased absences in schools
- Resource to school staff for communicable diseases and appropriate actions to address them
- Promote healthy lifestyles and teach health related topics
- Keep school community informed of the Health Department resources
- Supervise School Health Aide in the Health Room



# Role of the School Health Aide

- Paraprofessional trained by the Health Department
- Narrow scope of practice to include:
  - Care for sick and injured students
  - Facilitate medication administration
  - Coordinate Vision and Hearing screenings
  - Monitor Student Absence Data
  - School Health Aide is not a nurse and can not diagnose or give advice regarding care

# What Parents Need to Know

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- Complete the Health Information Form
- Notify school health room staff anytime their child's health needs changed to ensure the necessary in-school supports are provided
- Complete the Emergency Care Card
- Keep emergency contact information current and updated





# What Parents Need to Know

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- Parents must provide any medication that their child might need during the school day
- All medication must be accompanied by FCPS medication forms, which are available on the FCPS website or in the Health Room
- Students are not allowed to carry medications to school



# Children are sent home for:

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- Fever of 100.4 degrees or above
- Vomiting/diarrhea
- Red, itchy eyes with discharge
- Undiagnosed rashes



# General Information

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- If your child is sick, **please keep your child at home until symptoms have been resolved for 24 hours without medication. See “Health Flyer” in your folder.**
- Please state symptoms your child is experiencing when you call the **Attendance Line**
- Students generally can only stay 20 minutes in the Health Room, and then a decision is made to go back to class or home



# What Parents Need to Know

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- Bathroom accidents do happen...please pack a change of clothing



# Contact Us!

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- Volunteer opportunities are available in the Health Room
- Call/email the PHN or School Health Aide with any questions or concerns.

