

Banner Christian School Sick Policy

Fever policy:

Fever is defined as 100 or greater.

Students must be fever free for a full **24 hours** before returning to school without the use of fever reducing medications, i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, Advil products.

Students awaiting results of throat cultures must remain home until a negative result is known.

Students with a positive strep culture must be treated with prescribed antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.

Vomiting and Diarrhea:

Students that have had vomiting and diarrhea must remain home until the vomiting and diarrhea has subsided for 24 hours.

Head Lice:

In accordance with the recommendations from the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics, the discovery of lice or their eggs on the hair should not cause the child to be sent home or isolated.

Once head lice has been discovered, students should be treated at home. Students should be able to return to their usual activities and school **24 hours** after the first treatment.

Infectious/Communicable Disease:

Any student who is diagnosed with carrying a communicable/infectious disease is not allowed to attend classes at BCS as long as the disease is present. Once the school has written verification from a doctor that the student is disease free, the student may return to class. Please see handbook for more information on this topic.

Dispensing Medications at School:

The dispensing of medications, prescription or over the counter, will only be administered with parental permission or doctor's recommendation.

Medications should be properly labeled and with a current date.

Sending a child home due to illness or injury:

The school nurse or front office health designee will make every attempt to call a parent/guardian for illnesses and injuries that are of an emergency nature.

Notification of all head injuries – even if they seem very minor are always communicated to a parent/guardian.

After evaluating a child that complains of feeling ill and also (in most cases) discussion with the student's teacher, the school nurse or health office designee determines whether a student should be sent home or can finish out the day.

Please refrain from telling your child to come to school and "just have the office or nurse call me if you are feeling sick and I will come and get you." It is more effective if communication is between the parent, teacher, and the health office. Statistically, most students who are given this advice most likely seek to "go home" and have pre-determined that are too sick to perform their academic duties for the day.

Once contact has been made between a parent/guardian and the school nurse and/or the health office designee and it has been decided the student needs to leave school, they may be picked up in the front office after signing out.