

INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH SERVICES

Our Lady of Grace School receives health services through Edina Public Schools. The Health Office is staffed by a Health Services Associate (HSA) trained in first aid and CPR. The HSA provides first aid, gives medications, assists with vision and hearing screening, and helps track student immunization records. A Licensed School Nurse (LSN) is available for consultation.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

If medication is needed during the school day, please bring the following to the health office.

- Medication in the original container.
- A written order signed by the physician and parent for all medications **including over the counter medications.**
- Students with emergency Epi-pens may carry them if necessary.
- Students with inhalers may carry them if you have a written order from the physician to self-carry and the student demonstrates proper use of the inhaler.

ILLNESS

Sick children can spread illness to other students and staff.

Your child should not come to school if he or she has had:

- A fever of 100 degrees F or more in the past 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- A skin rash that has not been diagnosed by a health care provider.

When a student needs to go home, parents are contacted first. If neither parent can be reached, we will call Emergency contacts listed on the Annual Health Information form.

It is an expectation that students will be picked up within one hour.

Please call the school office attendance line at 952-929-5463 ext. 236 when your child is absent due to illness. **Please notify the school health office at 952-929-0218 if your child has a condition that can be spread to others like strep throat, chickenpox and head lice.**

FIRST AID

If a student requires more than basic first aid, 911 will be called and the parent will be contacted.

SCREENING

Vision and hearing are important to a student's ability to learn. Health services staff screen students in selected grade levels to identify potential vision and hearing difficulties.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

State Law requires proof of immunization or an exemption signed by a notary, or for medical exemption, signed by MD.

An Immunization record is required for all New students and before entering 7th grade.

Immunization records must be turned in before the first day of school.

Questions about Health Services can be directed to the HSA, at 952-929-0218.