



POINT ISABEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
101 Port Road, Port Isabel, Texas 78578
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

Dear Parents:

“HEALTHY CHILDREN LEARN BETTER”. With that thought in mind, School Health Services would like to take this opportunity to welcome your children to school.

The school nurse on duty at your child’s campus has the responsibility throughout the school year to promote the safety and health of your child. Please feel free to visit the nurse’s office at any time during the year. During the school year, your child will be sent to the nurse’s office in case of an accident or illness. You or the person you designate will be notified if your child must be sent home. The responsibility to get medical attention will be yours, unless an emergency situation exists and your child must be taken immediately from school. A child will not be sent home to be left alone.

For the protection of all students, the following rules have been set up and will be followed. Your child will be sent home with the following symptoms:

1. Temperature of 100° or higher
2. Suspected contagious disease
3. Vomiting
4. Incomplete immunizations
5. Diarrhea
6. Feels too ill to remain in school
7. Head lice (after previous notification)
8. Elimination accidents

If your child has any of the above symptoms in the morning before coming to school, please keep him/her at home and notify the school.

Simple emergency first aid will be provided for minor injuries that occur at school. ***Over the counter medications are not supplied by the school. ALL medication must be brought in by the parent/guardian or responsible adult in the original container.*** A parent/guardian signature with complete instructions for administering is acceptable for over the counter medications to be administered for three days or less. Prescription medications require a current pharmacy label, written orders from the prescribing physician, and written parent/guardian consent. ***Telephone consent will not be accepted. Under no circumstances will any medication from outside the U.S. be administered by school personnel.***

During the school year your child will participate in several health screenings. We will check your child’s growth by doing height/weight checks. A dental and head check for lice will be done in all elementary grades. A screening test for vision and hearing is done in grades PK, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. Scoliosis screenings are done in grades 6 and 9. Risk assessments for Type II Diabetes are done in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7. You will be informed in writing via a note sent home with your child of any abnormal findings.

Instructional programs regarding health matters may be presented by the school nurse throughout the school year. If your child has any health problems which the nurse can help you with or for any questions or concerns, please feel free to come by Derry Elementary for a visit or call 956-943-0073/fax 956-943-0074.

Have a great school year!
Elisheba Casey, RN
Derry Elementary School Nurse