

# School Health Services and Medication

(Marshall Public Schools Student Handbook)



## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- What do you know about school health services?
- What do you know about students that receive medicine at school?

### Definitions:

- Severe – harsh, strong, causing great pain or discomfort
- Symptom – a sign of change that happens in the body usually suggesting there is a disease or illness

## Reading

21 If a student becomes sick at school, he or she should go to the school nurse. If the nurse is not  
available, the student should go to the office.

29 Marshall Schools follow these procedures:

34 A student who complains of feeling sick and has a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be  
52 sent home. This temperature may mean a **minor** or more severe illness. It is important the sick  
69 child not return to the classroom because some illnesses are **contagious**. Contagious diseases  
82 or viruses travel quickly from one student to another. We do not want any other children  
98 getting sick.

100 Any student with inflamed eyes will be sent home. A student with red, swollen eyes should see  
117 a doctor. Pink eye is a common cause of inflamed and itchy eyes. This disease is very  
134 contagious. Pink eye spreads easily and quickly between children. All students having  
146 symptoms of other possibly contagious rashes will be sent home. Students must stay home  
160 until a doctor has examined the child.

167 The school nurse or office staff will call parents when necessary. Students are not to leave the  
184 building without permission.

187 All prescription medication given at school must be stored in the nurse's office. The  
201 prescription must be in the original, labeled bottle. The medication must also have with it:

216 1. A doctor's written order.

220 2. A signed written permission from the parent/guardian to  
229 give medication to the child.

234 3. Notice of how many pills were sent. (Write the number of pills  
246 you send on a small piece of paper. Put the paper inside the bottle.)

260 If you have any questions, please call a School Nurse. Contact the Park Side Elementary School  
276 Nurse at 537-6948. Contact the East Side School Nurse at 537-6959. Contact the West Side  
291 School Nurse at 537-6962.

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## Understanding

1. What does **contagious** mean in this reading? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Where should a student go if he or she feels sick? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. If your child needs to take medication at school, what do you need to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What are symptoms of pink eye? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Students are sent home from school if their temperature is what? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. If you have a health question about your student who attends East Side School, what phone number should you call? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What does the word **minor** mean in this article?
  - a. Under the age of a legal adult.
  - b. Less important or serious than others of the same kind.
  - c. A specific musical key, scale or interval.

## Writing

In your own words, summarize the policies of the School Health Services at Marshall Public Schools.

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