

Clinic Information

School Clinic

The School clinic is available for students who become ill or injured during the school day. If the illness or injury is of such a nature that the student should go home, the parent will be notified and be expected to make arrangements for the child to be picked up from school. The telephone for Gene Witt Clinic is 941-741-3628, ext. 2011. Please keep emergency contact numbers updated on a regular basis. *If your child is sick, please keep him/her home. We do not have facilities to care for them.* Medications, over-the-counter or otherwise, need to be prescribed by a physician and brought to the clinic by an adult. *Never send medications with a child, it is against school policy.*

Administering Medication

We are reluctant to give children medication; however, we recognize special cases do arise whereby students need to take prescribed medicine.

If it is essential for children to receive medication during school hours, the following guidelines will be followed.

1. Each medication needs a Medication Authorization form completed and signed by the prescribing physician and a parent/legal guardian.
2. All medication to be administered in school to an elementary student must be delivered to the school by a parent or other responsible adult. Medication shall be supplied by the parent or guardian in a childproof container, bearing the name of the medication, the amount to be given, the frequency of administration and any special instructions. Ask your child's doctor or pharmacy for two containers (or inhalers), labeling one for school use.
3. All medication prescribed or over the counter, *must be accompanied by a completed Medication Authorization form, and labeled with the child's name.*
4. The parent and/or physician should make school personnel aware (in writing) of symptoms or possible reactions relating to the medication or lack of medication.
5. No medicine for acute or contagious illness should be given in schools. Children should be home under these conditions.

Clinic guidelines to follow before sending your child to school:

- Have a healthy breakfast.
- If your child has frequent accidents, please have a change of clothes in their backpack.
- Students must be fever free (under 100 degrees) & vomit free for 24 hours before sending or returning to school.
- You must be able to pick up your child from school within one hour or have an alternate pick up plan.