

Hermosa Montessori School

School Health Policy

Illnesses

Do not send your child to school if they show these symptoms: vomiting the day of school, sore throat, constant sneezing, green nasal discharge, above normal temperature, rash, discharge or redness in the eyes, or persistent cough. Your child should be free from fever and the above symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. *Ill students must be picked up within one hour of parent/guardian being contacted.*

You **MUST** notify the school to report any contagious illnesses such as: strep throat, pin worms, conjunctivitis, impetigo, head lice, measles, mumps, chicken pox, scarlet fever etc. Your notification allows us to alert parents regarding symptoms. A doctor's note must accompany your child upon return to school after a prolonged or contagious illness; this is a Health Department regulation.

Allergies

Parents of students with severe or life threatening allergies must complete an Allergy Action Plan and return it to the health office with your student's current picture attached.

Accidents/ Head Injuries

It is extremely important to keep the school current on all telephone contact numbers. In the event of a life threatening emergency or debilitating injury, the school will contact emergency services by calling 911. If a parent or other contact cannot be reached Hermosa Montessori School will follow direction from emergency responders regarding care and/or transportation to a hospital.

All head injuries have the potential to be life threatening. Parents will be contacted regarding any head injury.

Medications

Hermosa requires a doctor's order for all prescription medications. If it is necessary for your child to receive medication during the school year, please note these key points. We will be happy to work with you and your child to make certain the medication is given in a safe manner.

- The prescription medication must be ordered for your child by a physician licensed to prescribe in Arizona.
- All medications, including inhalers and Epi-pens, need to be in the **original prescription bottle/box with a pharmacy label.**
- A Medication Consent form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian before the medication can be given at school.
- No student is permitted to take medication independently on campus. This includes antibiotics, prescription eye drops, homeopathic medications and cough drops. Inhalers can be carried by a student and require a note from the physician to be on file along with written permission from the parent/guardian.
- For preschool students *only* a doctor's note must be provided with *any* over-the-counter medication.
- The Health Office staff must be notified of any change in medication for your student. Staff may only administer what the label directs; therefore, be sure to bring in a new bottle, a note from the physician or have the physician fax the changes to the school. Hermosa's fax # is 749-6087.
- School and State Medical Policy advise against sending medications with children to avoid accidental breaking of bottle or other children taking the medication. **Medication must be transported to and from school by the parent/guardian.**
- Please make sure that all health forms contain current medical information including any medications your student is taking.

For more information on the school health policy, see pages 3-5 in the Hermosa Montessori School Handbook.