

HAPA Illness and Injury Policy

The Hmong American Peace Academy is committed to the health, wellbeing, and safety of all students. To further this commitment, HAPA provides the following illness and injury guidelines.

Guidelines

Students attending school with these symptoms or who are at school while these symptoms develop will not be allowed to return to class and parents/guardians will be contacted to pick the student up.

- Students with a **fever** of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher cannot attend school. Please do not medicate your child for the fever and send them to school. Students need to be fever free for a minimum of 24 hours, without the aid of medications, before they return to school.
- Students with **vomiting** and/or **diarrhea** cannot attend school. They need to be free of vomiting and/or diarrhea for a minimum of 24 hours before they return to school.
- Students experiencing a **persistent cough, rash of unknown cause, or other health situation** that significantly impacts a student's ability to participate in learning cannot attend school until the symptoms have been resolved or the student has been treated by a physician.
- Students who are prescribed antibiotics by their physician for a **contagious bacterial infection** (strep throat, pink eye, etc.) need to stay home until 24 hours after the antibiotics were started or longer if directed by their physician. Students with a **contagious viral infection** (HFMD, influenza, etc.) need to stay home until their infectious period ends.
- Students who have **lice** or **nits (lice eggs)** cannot attend school.
- Students who experience a **minor injury** at school (bloody nose, small scrape/cut, small bruise, etc.) may receive aid in the office health room and parents will be notified by phone.
- Students who experience a **major injury** at school will receive emergency aid, parents will be notified by phone, and 911 or other emergency services may be contacted. Students cannot attend school until the injury has been resolved or the student has been treated by a physician.
- Other office health room visits, in which aid is not provided, will include parent notification at the discretion of the office health room staff. Repeated visits to the office health room will be reported to parents by phone.

Aid Provided

The office health room may provide the following basic aid to students: ice packs, bandaids, a cot, and prescribed medication (see below section Medication/Other Drugs). No other types of aid (splinter removal, lotion, etc.) are provided by the office health room or any school staff. All visits in which aid is provided will include parent notification by phone.

Medication/Other Drugs

Any medication, supplements, or other drugs require parents to provide a completed Medication Authorization Application with the office health room. Medication Authorization Applications are approved on an individual basis.

The above statements are not intended to be a complete list of all causes that may require a student to stay or be sent home. If you have any questions, please call your school's office. Final decisions around a student's ability to return/attend school will be made by Hmong American Peace Academy.