

When to Keep Your Student Home

The Kiel Area School District encourages regular school attendance for all students. Unnecessary absences have a negative effect on school performance and on student's attitude towards school. However, using the following guidelines, children should be kept home in order to promote quicker recovery and prevent the spread of illnesses at school.

Fever: A fever is a sign that there is an infection somewhere in the body. Children should be kept home with an oral temperature of 100.5 or higher. It is recommended a student stay home until they have been free of a fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication,

Vomiting: Children should be kept home 24 hours after vomiting has subsided and is able to keep food and liquids down.

Diarrhea: Three watery stools in a 24 hour period would be considered diarrhea. Children with diarrhea should be kept home until the diarrhea has stopped.

Headache: Headaches are a common experience for some children. Generally, a student can remain at school with a headache unless the headache is accompanied by other symptoms such as vomiting or the headache is a result of a head injury. In either of these cases, consulting a physician is recommended.

Colds: Unfortunately, colds are a common occurrence in the classroom. However, if the child is unable to participate and staff members determine that they cannot care for the child without compromising their ability to care for the health and safety of the other children in the group, the child will be sent home.

Rash: A rash is difficult to determine if a student may attend school. A rash may be a sign that an illness is beginning. If you are unsure whether to send your child to school with a rash, please contact your family doctor to guide your decision.

*Note: The Kiel Area School District staff cannot diagnose an illness. They may suggest you consult your physician in order to ensure your child is safe to return to school. The school also encourages proper handwashing, the use of tissues, and proper disinfection in the classroom to limit the spread of illnesses. Please contact Michelle Blaha at 894-2264 extension 2508 with any questions or concerns.