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

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.

Marshall Schools follow these procedures:

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

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

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

- All prescription medication given at school must be stored in the nurse’s office. The prescription must be in the original, labeled bottle. The medication must also have with it:
  1. A doctor’s written order.
  2. A signed written permission from the parent/guardian to give medication to the child.
  3. Notice of how many pills were sent. (Write the number of pills you send on a small piece of paper. Put the paper inside the bottle.)

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

Adapted from Marshall Public Schools Student Handbook

Level 6.5
Understanding

1. What does contagious mean in this reading? ________________________________________

2. Where should a student go if he or she feels sick? _________________________________

3. If your child needs to take medication at school, what do you need to do? ______________

4. What are symptoms of pink eye? _________________________________________________

5. Students are sent home from school if their temperature is what? _____________________

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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