



Report your child's absence each day by calling the attendance line at your child's school. Please report the reason for the child's absence. If your child is ill, report the symptoms and/or any diagnosed communicable condition. Please contact the school nurse prior to your child returning to school if he/she has any injury or illness that will require modifications during the school day.

- Please contact individual teachers via voice mail or email for homework questions.
- Homebound instruction may be requested after ten days of absence.
- If your child becomes ill at school and needs to go home, Health Office staff will attempt to contact a parent/guardian.
- The emergency contact on the Student Emergency Card will be called if we feel your child needs to go home and we are unable to reach a parent/guardian.
- Your child will not be allowed to leave school without a designated adult. Please update the health office with any changes in contact information.

Request For Exemption From Recess/PE

If a student is well enough to attend school, he/she will be considered able to go outside at recess and participate in physical education. If a situation arises which makes this untrue, we will grant a 1 day exemption from participating in recess and PE. This exemption must be requested in writing by the parent/guardian. This note of exemption is to be given to the teacher at the beginning of the school day.

When Children Should Not Be In School

A healthy school environment is essential for student learning. Preventing the spread of infectious disease is one of the ways the Irvine Unified School District seeks to provide a healthy learning environment.

A child who has a temperature of **100°F or higher**, **has an undiagnosed rash** or experiences nausea and **vomiting** is excluded from school. Any child suspected of having an infectious disease/condition is also excluded and **may not return to school until she/he has been symptom free for 24 hours after being sent home or a physician provides a written statement that the child is not contagious.**

Some of the more commonly occurring infectious conditions in school age children include pink eye, flu, chickenpox and Fifth disease. Children with signs of head lice or the eggs (nits) of the louse are also excluded until all eggs (nits) are removed.