

Big Spring ISD Health Services Standard of Practice
Exclusion from school and subsequent readmission

Our goal in health services is to support student success by returning students who are safe, healthy, and ready to return to the classroom as quickly as possible. In order to accomplish that, our nursing assessments provide the best foundation in health situations to determine when to send a child home so that appropriate parental intervention may be quickly begun and safe re-admittance achieved. A major health consideration for exclusion from school is the potential for spread of disease from person to person: school nurses will send students home in accordance with state laws regarding communicable diseases, based on signs and symptoms related to those diseases.

Students who are sent home will be excluded from school until:

- **The symptoms are gone for 24 hours or**
- **A physician provides written information that the condition is not contagious or that the student is under treatment and may return to school without a health concern for other students**

The school nurse will make the decision to send a student home based on her assessment of the potential health and/or safety risks to that student and others, her knowledge of the student's medical history, and information from other school personnel regarding the student's ability to effectively participate in the classroom.