

2.018 Ascend Leadership Academy Wellness and Sick Child Policy

The following provides guidelines as to when a student should stay home from school due to illness, and when they may safely return to school. This policy is set forth in a best effort to safeguard the health and wellness of students, teachers and staff at Ascend Leadership Academy.

Should a student present with any of the below listed symptoms or conditions, the student should stay home from school.

Fever - A fever for the purpose of this policy is defined as a body temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. Should a student present with a fever prior to entering school, the student should stay home from school. Fever reducing medications should not be given to a student prior to school, in an effort to reduce a fever below 100.4 degrees so that he/she can enter school. Should a student present to school with a fever, a parent, guardian or other emergency contact shall be contacted to pick the student up from school as soon as possible. The student may return to school when he/she has been fever-free for a period of 24 hours without the use of any fever reducing medications.

Vomiting/Diarrhea - Should a student present to school, or experience any vomiting or diarrhea at school, a parent, guardian or other emergency contact shall be contacted to pick the student up from school as soon as possible. The student may return to school when he/she has been free from vomiting and/or diarrhea for at least 24 hours, and evaluated by a doctor if medically necessary.

Body Rash (or any other skin irritations/infections, to include impetigo and scabies) with itching and/or fever - Should a student present to school with any of these symptoms, a parent, guardian or other emergency contact shall be contacted to pick the student up from school as soon as possible. The student may return once he/she is free from rash, itching and/or fever, and evaluated by a doctor if medically necessary.

Conjunctivitis (pink eye) or other type of eye infection - Indications of an eye infection include when an eye is red and oozing a yellow or green discharge. Should a student present to school with any of these symptoms, a parent, guardian or other emergency contact shall be contacted to pick the student up from school as soon as possible. The student must be evaluated by a doctor, and may return to school once he/she has been on an antibiotic ointment or eye drops for a 24 hour period of time.

Strep Throat or Scarlet Fever - Should a student present to school with complaints of a sore throat and a fever (100.4 degrees or higher), a parent, guardian or other emergency contact shall be contacted to pick the student up from school as soon as possible. The student must be

evaluated by a doctor, and may return to school once he/she has received at least 2 doses of antibiotics, and be fever free (100.4 degrees or lower) without the aid of fever reducing medications for a period of at least 24 hours.

Influenza - Should a student present to school with complaints of fever (100.4 degrees or higher), chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache and/or fatigue, a parent, guardian, or other emergency contact shall be contacted to pick the student up from school as soon as possible. The student may return to school once he/she has been fever free without the aid of fever reducing medications for a period of 24 hours, and any cough is mild and infrequent.

Cold type symptoms - Should a student present with cold like symptoms (coughing that won't stop, problems with breathing, and/or excessively runny nose - more than just a runny nose or the sniffles), a parent, guardian, or other emergency contact shall be contacted to pick the student up from school. The student may return to school once he/she has been evaluated by a doctor if necessary, and any cough is mild and infrequent.

Head Lice - Should a student present to school with an itchy head, and has active head lice or live nits, a parent, guardian, or other emergency contact shall be contacted to pick the student up from school as soon as possible. The student may return to school once he/she has been treated for head lice, and is free of live lice or nits. Upon return, the student shall be checked for any active head lice. Should the student still have any live lice or nits, the student will not be permitted to stay on campus until he/she is free of live lice or nits.

If a student obviously does not feel well, then that student should stay home from school and/or be evaluated by a doctor if medically necessary.

If a parent or guardian is in doubt about whether a student should stay home from school, the parent or guardian should check with the student's doctor or school administrator.

In the event that more than 25% of ALA's student population is absent due to illness, ALA shall close temporarily to sanitize the school building and allow all students the opportunity to recover. ALA's administration will resume classes when there is significant evidence that illness will not be spread further.