



The role of the home health nurse is to support, through health care intervention, the academic growth of the student, i.e., educational activities directed by the teacher.

Responsibilities of the Home Health Nurse include:

- Provide copy of all physician orders for the school nurse
- Daily care of the student as written in the MD's orders
- Care and operation of home health equipment
- Notification of school nurse regarding any changes in vital signs and/or status of student
- Follows universal OSHA standards
- Lock medications at all times
- Mark equipment for each student
- Follow classroom rules set by teacher
- Report student's assessment upon arrival and dismissal each day to school nurse

The role of the Birdville ISD school nurse assigned to that building is to oversee the health care of the students.

Responsibilities of the school nurse include:

- Assist the home health nurse with the daily care of the student if requested by nurse
- Assist the home health nurse with emergency situations
- Notify parents of the need for student to go home due to illness

A student is required to go home if:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher. The student is then required to stay home for at least 24 hours after the temperature has return to normal. The return to normal means without Tylenol or other fever reducers.
- The student is infested with lice or nits. The student is considered delinquent if not clear and back in school in 48 hours.
- The student has "Pink Eye." The student will be excluded from school until the condition has been under physician's treatment for 12-24 hours.
- The student has scabies. The student may return to school after treatment has been started.
- The student has strep throat. The student may return to school after the condition has been under a physician's treatment for 12-24 hours and is fever free.
- The student has vomiting/diarrhea.
- A change in the student's normal vital signs. The home health nurse and school nurse will assess the situation and discuss the need to go home.
- A significant change in care, i.e., increased oxygen requirements over a prolonged period of time.