

Great Plains Christian School (GPCS) Health and Medical Policy

Health Services

Great Plains Christian School is committed to promoting the health and safety of all students. A volunteer Registered Nurse (RN) may be available at the school one to two days per week to provide health education, assist with health-related concerns, and train staff in first aid, CPR, diabetes care, and other health-related topics.

Accidents and Injuries

Minor Injuries

Minor injuries include cuts, scrapes, bruises, minor bumps, and other injuries that do not require professional medical attention.

1. The student should report the injury to a teacher or the school office.
2. School personnel will assess the injury and provide basic first aid as needed.
3. After treatment, the student may return to class if able.
4. Parents will generally not be contacted for minor injuries unless:
 - The injury requires additional medical attention.
 - The student has a known medical condition that could be affected by the injury.
 - Parent notification is deemed appropriate by school personnel.

Serious Injuries or Medical Emergencies

Serious injuries include those involving severe pain, significant bleeding, possible fractures, loss of consciousness, breathing difficulties, allergic reactions, or any situation requiring professional medical attention.

1. Parents or legal guardians will be contacted immediately.
2. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, school personnel will act in the best interest of the student and seek appropriate medical care.
3. In life-threatening emergencies:
 - Emergency medical procedures such as CPR or first aid will be administered by trained personnel.
 - 911 will be called immediately.
4. If hospitalization is necessary, emergency medical personnel will transport the student to the hospital.

5. A school representative may accompany the student until a parent or guardian arrives.

Staff Training

All instructional staff are required to maintain current CPR and First Aid certification.

Accident Reports

1. Any accident resulting in injury or treatment must be documented on a GPCS Accident Report Form within 24 hours.
 2. The report will be submitted to the Superintendent/Principal.
 3. Insurance forms will be provided when necessary. GPCS insurance serves as secondary coverage.
 4. Employees should not discuss accident details with unauthorized individuals without prior approval from school administration.
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Student Illness

To protect the health of all students and staff, students who are ill should remain at home.

Students should not attend school if they:

- Have a fever of 100.0°F or higher within the previous 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
- Are vomiting or experiencing diarrhea.
- Have symptoms of a contagious illness.
- Are unable to participate in normal school activities.

If a student becomes ill during the school day, parents or guardians will be contacted and asked to pick up the student promptly.

Students participate in outdoor activities throughout the year and should be dressed appropriately for weather conditions.

Emergency contact information must be kept current at all times.

Medication Administration

Parent Responsibility

Whenever possible, Great Plains Christian School strongly encourages parents to administer prescription medications at home rather than during the school day. Parents are encouraged to consult with their child's healthcare provider regarding medication schedules that can be given before school, after school, or at bedtime.

Medication will only be administered at school when it is medically necessary for the student to receive it during school hours.

Prescription Medications

Prescription medications may be administered at school only when:

1. A completed Authorization for Administration of Medication Form is on file.
2. The form is signed by the student's licensed healthcare provider and parent or guardian.
3. The medication is provided in the original pharmacy-labeled container.
4. The medication label matches the physician's instructions.

Over-the-Counter Medications

Nonprescription medications (such as Tylenol, ibuprofen, allergy medication, or cough medicine) may be administered only when:

1. A completed Authorization for Administration of Medication Form is on file.
2. The medication is provided in its original container.
3. Administration follows the manufacturer's instructions unless otherwise directed by a healthcare provider.

Medication Documentation

All medications administered at school must be documented on the GPCS Medication Administration Log, including:

- Student name
- Medication administered
- Dosage
- Date and time
- Name of person administering the medication

Communicable Diseases

GPCS will comply with all applicable rules, regulations, and recommendations of the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Students diagnosed with communicable diseases shall be excluded from school during the period in which they are considered contagious.

The school reserves the right to make final decisions regarding student attendance when communicable diseases pose a risk to others.

Students diagnosed with a communicable disease identified as a reportable condition by the Oklahoma State Department of Health may not participate in athletics or extracurricular activities until cleared by a licensed physician when required.

Vision Screening

Students may participate in annual vision screenings conducted by qualified healthcare professionals or organizations approved by the school.

Head Lice

GPCS maintains a nit-free policy.

Students found to have head lice or nits may be excluded from school until treatment has been completed.

The school may require verification from a healthcare provider or local health department before the student returns to school.

Final readmission decisions will be made by school administration.

Immunization Requirements

All students must comply with Oklahoma immunization requirements before attending school.

Prior to enrollment, parents must provide:

- An official immunization record; or
- A valid Oklahoma Certificate of Exemption.

Children with medical exemptions must submit documentation signed by a licensed physician.

Children whose parents seek exemptions based on religious or personal beliefs must follow Oklahoma exemption procedures.

Copies of immunization records or exemption certificates must remain on file with the school.

Lost Immunization Records

Lost records do not exempt a student from immunization requirements.

Parents should contact their healthcare provider or local health department to obtain replacement records.

Disease Outbreaks

During a disease outbreak, students attending school under an exemption may be excluded from school for the duration of the outbreak if recommended by public health officials.

Meningococcal Meningitis Information

Parents of students in grades 6–12 will receive information regarding meningococcal meningitis as required by Oklahoma law. Information will also be available through the school office and website.

Type 1 Diabetes

Students with Type 1 Diabetes must have the following on file:

1. A current Diabetes Medical Management Plan (DMMP).
2. A completed medication authorization form, if applicable.
3. Authorization for electronic glucose monitoring, if applicable.

School personnel responsible for supervising the student will receive annual diabetes training.

Emergency medications, including glucagon, will be administered according to the student's healthcare plan and physician orders.

Other Chronic Medical Conditions

Students diagnosed with asthma, severe allergies (anaphylaxis), seizure disorders, sickle cell disease, or other significant medical conditions must have a current medical action plan on file.

The action plan must:

- Be completed by a licensed healthcare provider.
- Include emergency procedures and medication instructions.
- Correspond with any medication authorization forms submitted to the school.

Parents are responsible for notifying the school of any changes to their child's medical condition or treatment plan.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Great Plains Christian School will provide reasonable accommodations for students with documented medical needs in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and school policies.