

# GENERAL HEALTH INFORMATION

*Since healthy children learn better, the school district has some policies and guidelines to promote a high level of wellness for each student. Most of the general health related rules and recommendations are summarized here. If you have questions about these policies, you may call the Health Room.*

## **IMMUNIZATIONS**

The state of Missouri requires all students to receive certain immunizations before they can attend any school in the state. If you have questions about the specific immunizations that your child needs for school attendance, you may contact the School Nurse or the Stone County Health Center for details.

## **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Upon enrollment in the district and at the beginning of each school year, parents are responsible for providing the school with current phone numbers where they can be reached if their child should become ill or be injured at school. In addition to their home and work numbers, they should provide the names and numbers of at least three responsible adults (relatives, neighbors, friends, co-workers, etc.) that the school may contact if an urgent situation arises and the parents cannot be reached. If a phone number changes, the parents should notify the school of the new number immediately. It is distressing to a student who is injured or does not feel well if someone cannot be reached for him or her. In addition, the school does not have the facilities to treat severe injuries or medical problems. Therefore, it is very important that the school be kept informed of the current numbers that may be used to contact someone for an ill or injured student.

## **HEALTH PROBLEMS**

If a health condition exists that may interfere with a student's educational process or that may need attention at school, it is the responsibility of the parents to provide current written information describing the effects of the problem on the student, along with specific instructions for any special health care needs. In some cases, the school may request written instructions from the student's physician or that the parents visit with school personnel to clarify issues concerning the student's health status or care at school. Parents must assume the primary responsibility for their child's health care, both at home and at school, and for the coordination of care between home and school. The school does not assume responsibility for the management or treatment of health conditions of which the parents were aware before the student was sent to school.