West Hartford Non-Public Schools
School Exclusion Guidelines

The West Hartford Non-Public Schools follow these guidelines for the dismissal of students from school due to illness. Includes recommendations for when a student may return to school or should remain at home. These guidelines follow the recommendations of the Academy of Pediatrics, the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District and under the guidance of the Medical Advisor, Dr. Neil Stein. As Professional School Nurses our role is to promote the health of individual students and the entire school community.

1. **Fever**- 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, the student will be sent home and should remain home 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medications. **NOTE**: If additional symptoms for exclusion are exhibited and presents with a temperature less than 100.4, the nurse may use her professional judgement to exclude a student from school.
2. **Diarrhea**- occurrence of more than one episode at school and/or with additional symptoms. The student can return to school after 24 hours symptom free.
3. **Vomiting**- occurrence of more than one episode of vomiting and associated with other symptoms. May return to school after 24 hours symptom free. Every attempt will be made to distinguish between regurgitating food and vomiting due to illness.
4. **Runny Nose**- Students who cannot control their secretions and/or have green/ yellowish-brown secretions need to remain home until symptoms improve.
5. **Coughing**- Excessive coughing contributing to the inability of the student to participate in class work or is disruptive to other students.
6. **Eyes** – A student who presents with eyes that are pink, have drainage and are swollen will be evaluated by the school nurse. The nurse will determine if exclusion is necessary and if medical care is required before the student can remain in school.
7. **Skin Rash / Hives** – A student will be advised to see a health care provider to evaluate any new onset of rash or hives to determine if it is related to a contagious illness. Symptoms will be evaluated to determine if dismissal is necessary. Any fine or blotchy rash on face, trunk or arms and legs will be dismissed. The diagnosis of the condition will determine when a student can return to school. A student with a contagious diagnosis should be treated with antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school. If a healthcare provider diagnoses a student as having fifth's Disease, the child can return to school if feeling well and can participate in academics.
8. **Excessive crying / discomfort or pain** – Any student who is unresponsive to first-line treatments such as ice, rest, etc.

9. **Injury**- Any injury that requires medical attention, a parent will be notified to pick up the student for evaluation. If an emergency situation occurs, the student will be transported by ambulance to nearest hospital for treatment.

10. **Lice** – A student found to have lice will **NOT** be excluded from school. No notification to the classroom will be conducted since Pediculosis is not contagious. The parent of the student will be notified of the findings, the need for treatment, and provided with educational information on Pediculosis and how to treat. The student can return to school ounce treatment has occurred.

11. **Medical Absences/Conditions**– Students returning to school with a medical diagnoses of **concussion**, or a condition requiring **orthopedic appliances** such as crutches, a brace and/or casting of extremities **MUST** have a medical note from a physician clearing the student to return to school and indicate any accommodations required. Medical clearance must be received before a student can return to PE or participate in any sport activity.

12. **Mental Health Conditions** – Any student returning to school after a mental health event or absence **MUST** submit a discharge summary with a plan for safe return to school and academic activities.