Student Health

All schools shall comply with Arizona law AAC Title 9, Chapter 6, Article 7 (R96701) Vaccine Preventable Diseases regarding immunizations. These laws state that no child may attend school unless such child can present to the school a verifiable immunization record against listed communicable diseases or a plan for immunization as specified by the Arizona Department of Health Services. Requests for exemption will be granted only in accordance with Arizona law.

St. Francis Xavier is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, well-being, and the ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activities. The connection between nutrition and learning is well documented. Healthy eating patterns are essential for students to achieve their full academic potential, physical and mental growth, and lifelong health and well-being. The purpose of this policy is to offer students the tools and knowledge necessary to make healthy choices for their bodies.

The school retains a licensed registered nurse. She renders emergency first aid to students who are injured or become ill at school. She works with students, parents, and teachers regarding health problems, and serves as the contact between home and school on health matters.

In case of injury or illness during the school day, the student will be sent to the nurse. The nurse will then determine if the child should be sent home or return to class. Parents will be notified by the nurse by phone to pick up sick or injured children. Students should not text parents to pick them up when they are ill. Parents are to keep all emergency information current by calling the office and by letting us know about changes in telephone numbers.

Prescription medication will be administered when necessary. Medication must be in the original prescription bottle. If a student needs to take medication at school, ask the pharmacist for a second, labeled bottle and send only the tablets/liquid needed to be taken at school.