

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In order to provide a quality education it is important for your child and the school personnel stay healthy. Children, by their nature, do not practice good hygiene. It is therefore critical that you as parents and guardians keep your child at home when he/she exhibits any of the following symptoms:

1. **Runny nose** or nasal discharge due to an infection.
2. **Productive cough** – coughing up mucous due to an infection.
3. **Dry, hacking cough** – causing student fatigue and classroom disruption.
4. **Vomiting or Diarrhea** – Children should be free of vomiting or diarrhea at least 24 hours before returning to school.
5. **Discharge from ears or eyes**, often indicating an ear or eye infection.
6. **Fever** - Children must have a normal temperature (98.6 F) for 24 hours before he/she can return to school.
7. **Presence of head lice or nits** – student must be totally free of lice or nits in order to attend school.
8. **Signs and symptoms** of contagious or communicable diseases, such as chicken pox, ringworm, scabies, pink eye, or other contagious conditions. Students need a written doctor's clearance to return to school.
9. Evidence of having a **positive tuberculin (Tb) skin test** without proof of medical clearance, and a negative chest x-ray.
10. Student is not able to remain awake and participate in classroom activities (unless due to seizure activity).

Sending children to school when they are ill, delays their recovery. The school does not have the staff or facilities to give sick children the care they need.

If you do send a sick child to school, you will be asked to pick him/her up, to submit a note from the doctor upon his/her return to verify that he/she is not contagious.

We all want children to enjoy school, so let's keep them as healthy as possible.

Please call the school as soon as symptoms occur, messages can be left at any time of the day or night. Communication will help preserve the health of all children and staff.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Rising Star Montessori School

ONSITE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES ON OUR SCHOOL CAMPUS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After careful review and consideration of the health and safety of all our students, we want to clarify our policies on where children can be on our campus. These may be new policies for some parents and a review for others.

*Thank you
Rising Star Staff*

Rising Star Montessori School
Onsite Health and Safety Policies:

1. During class time and any time that school is in operation, we require all students to remain under the direct supervision of a teacher. Children are either in class or in the play yard. We have specific ground rules in the class and in the yard so that the children are safe.
2. We review the ground rules with the children so they clearly understand how the rules work.
3. Siblings of students who are not yet enrolled in the school are still required to follow all these ground rules. Everyone under 18 years- old must be under adult supervision.
4. For younger siblings of our students, it is vital that parents are directly supervising their children at all times so that they are safe. It is also important that they not be the "exception" so as to confuse preschool students in the school. Striving for consistency is important as we start off the school year.
5. When you are coming into the school or leaving, we are careful to remind parents that children cannot run ahead of their parents or go into places where they may not be supervised.
6. We are fortunate to have the park across the street for parents to take their younger siblings to play after dropping off their children or before picking them up. Please use the park for play areas.
7. The play structures are off limits for free play before school and after daycare ends, or if your child is not enrolled in the school. This is to ensure that everyone is safe and that someone is directly supervising children on the structures.
8. On the weekends, the play structures are also not available for play unless there is an adult directly supervising the child at all times. Children are not to leave their parent's view and need to stay in a designated place. They are not to run about the school or be in classrooms unattended. If a parent is doing special work, we encourage them not to bring their children. If you must, then we ask you to help us keep to these rules so that everyone is safe.
9. Parents and younger children are not to come into the class after it has started or before it is dismissed. Please say your good-byes at the door.