

# Chronic Illness Medical Certification Information

We understand that some students may need to miss more school than typically expected due to a chronic health condition. To help support students and families, the school offers a **Medical Certification Process** that can assist with attendance concerns related to documented chronic illnesses.

## **What is a Medical Certification?**

A Medical Certification is documentation completed by a licensed healthcare provider that verifies a student's chronic health condition and its potential impact on school attendance. A licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner must complete the medical certification form. The form should include:

- Student diagnosis
- Date of diagnosis
- Prognosis and expected duration of the condition
- Physical or mental limitations that may affect school participation
- Medications and potential side effects
- Anticipated treatments, surgeries, or hospitalizations
- Expected impact on school attendance

## **Important Reminders**

- Medical Certifications become effective only after they are submitted and approved.
- Certifications are **not retroactive** and cannot change previously recorded attendance codes.
- Parents must continue to report each absence according to school attendance procedures.
- Students remain responsible for completing all assigned coursework and meeting academic requirements.
- Medical Certifications must be renewed annually if the condition continues.
- If your child is experiencing academic difficulties due to excessive absences, please contact a school administrator to discuss additional supports.

If you have questions or need a Medical Certification form, please contact the school health office.