

# HEADACHE

Has a head injury occurred?

See "[HEAD INJURY.](#)"

NO

- Is the headache severe?
- Are there other symptoms present such as:
  - Vomiting?
  - Blurred vision?
  - Oral/tympanic temperature 100° or greater or axillary temperature 99° or greater?
  - Dizziness?

NO

Allow the student to lie down for up to 30 minutes in a room that affords privacy but has adult supervision. Dim the lights.

Does the student have appropriate authorization for administration of medication? (such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen)

NO

Apply a cool cloth or compress to the student's head.

YES

Administer medication as directed.

Contact responsible school authority & parent/guardian.  
**URGE MEDICAL CARE.**  
Document care provided.

- If unable to reach parent/guardian, allow student to rest with adult supervision.
- Monitor temperature every hour.
- If temperature reaches 104° axillary or 105° orally/tympanic, **CALL EMS/911.**

Has pain subsided?

NO

Contact responsible school authority & parent/guardian.

The child may return to class.

YES

Document care provided and medication administered, if applicable.