

Medications at School

Prescription Medications:

Prescription medications will be administered at school if the following criteria are met:

A consent form is signed by the physician and parent and is on file in the Health Office.

A new medication consent form is required:
when the dosage or time of administration is changed
at the beginning of each school year
if a medication that was discontinued is restarted

B. All prescription medications must be in their original prescription bottle properly labeled by the pharmacy. The label must include the student's name, medication, dose, route and time to be given. Parents should be encouraged to ask the pharmacist for a second container for school when the prescription is being filled.

C. **All doses of antibiotics prescribed for 2 or 3 times daily should be taken at home.**

Bottles cannot contain more than one dosage in a single container (ex. 10 mg tablets and 5 mg tablets in the same container).

If pills must be cut to get the proper dose, the medication should be supplied to the school already cut by the pharmacist or parent.

Students who fail to come to take a **daily** prescription medication will be called out of class to take the medication by health office staff. If a student regularly fails to come to take the medication at the scheduled time, the parent will be notified and an individual plan may be developed by the School Nurse, parent and student. Students will not be called out of class to take OTC medications or medications that are ordered "as needed".

If a student refuses to take a scheduled prescription medication, the School Nurse, the parent and/or physician will be notified at that time, by health office staff. The School Nurse, parent and physician will develop alternative plans as needed. Students will not be forced to take medication while at school.

Student Self Administration/Carrying Medications-

“Self administration” means the student is able to consume or apply medication in the manner directed by the licensed prescriber without assistance or direction.

The School Nurse may approve a student to carry and administer their own medication based on physician recommendation and the School Nurse’s assessment. The approval of this will be on an individual basis. The School Nurse has the right to deny or revoke approval based on nursing assessment of the individual student. See “Asthma inhalers at school” procedure for self-carry of inhalers.

Written authorization from your physician must be on file in the Health Office.

Over-the-counter medication

Over the Counter (OTC) medications are medications that can be purchased without a physicians order. OTC medications will be administered at school if the following criteria are met.

The medication is supplied to the school in the original container.

The packaging must include dosing information.

The packaging must indicate that the product is “approved for use in children”.

Aspirin or products containing Aspirin will not be administered to students by school staff without a physician’s order and School Nurse approval.

E Requests to administer medication in excess of the manufactures’ recommended dose will only be honored with a written physician’s order.

The container should be labeled with the student’s name.

Parents must complete the OTC medication form or include a signed note indicating the name of the medication and the reason or symptoms the student is taking the medication.

The School Nurse may request a physician’s written order if a student is taking the medication on a frequent basis.

The medication must be approved by the FDA. School staff will not administer herbal medications and supplements.

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