



MEDICATIONS and MEDICATION POLICY

- If your child will need medication at school anytime during the school year, the information will be added to the Health History/Medication Form. This includes prescription as well as non-prescription (over-the-counter) medications.

ANY TIME THE SCHOOL IS ASKED TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION, WE MUST HAVE THE HEALTH HISTORY/MEDICATION FORM FILLED OUT BY A PARENT/ GUARDIAN.

- The school nurse authorizes all medications administered at school. Authorized personnel (ie school secretaries, front office staff) may administer medication under the direction of the school nurse, following appropriate training and instruction.
- All medications must be in the original, labeled container with child's name, and **MUST** be brought to the office.
- Medications, including over-the-counter, will **NOT** be kept in lockers, desks, backpacks, etc. This is for everyone's safety. (Under certain circumstances, students will be allowed to self-administer certain medications, but only with authorization by the school nurse.)
- Prescription medication must be in the prescription bottle with the correct label that includes the student's name, name and dose of the medication, directions for taking the medication, prescriber's name, pharmacy's name, and current date. (Most pharmacies will give you two bottles, one for home and one for school.) If/ when medication doses change, the current prescription bottle needs to reflect that new dose.
- Over-the-counter medication must be in the original container, FDA-approved and appropriate for age.
- No medication brought to school in a baggie will be administered.
- Most medications that are to be taken 3 times per day or less can be administered at times outside of school hours. Unless specifically directed by your healthcare provider, give it before school, as soon as the student arrives home, and at bedtime.
- If you would like your child to receive Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) at school, on an as-needed basis, you must sign the consent on the **Health History/Medication** form.
- Authorizations for medication administration must be renewed each school year.
- School personnel have permission to exchange information as needed.