

Medication and Sickness Guidelines

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We will gladly assist your child with all medication needs, but the following state regulations must be adhered to. Remember all **medical forms** need to be completed **yearly**.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

1. **All medication**, whether prescription or over-the-counter, **MUST** have a signed "School Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization" form for **EACH** medication.
2. **For prescription medications**, a physician signature AND a parent signature is required. NO PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES WILL BE GIVEN WITHOUT BOTH SIGNATURES ON THIS FORM.
3. **For over-the-counter medications** (including cough drops, ointments/creams, sunscreen (if student cannot apply themselves), Neosporin, vitamins, Visine, Motrin, Tylenol, Advil, Pepto Bismol, etc.) a "School Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization" form is also needed. The parent's signature will allow medication to be given for **two weeks**. If medication is needed for a longer period of time, a physician's signature will be required. The parent must also provide the medication that the child needs to take. **Schools are not allowed to keep stock medicines such as Tylenol or Advil. No exceptions will be made.** No medication may be administered at school until **BOTH** signed permission and medication are obtained. While on field trips, parents are allowed to carry and administer medications to their student **ONLY**.
4. **All medication** must be brought in the original, **UNOPENED** container. Prescription medication must be brought in a current pharmacy labeled container with student's name, physician name, name of medication, strength, dosage, time interval, and route. **No medication will be accepted loose in a plastic bag or unidentifiable container.**
5. All medication is to be delivered by the parent to the nurse or an adult in the office. Do not send medication to school with your student. We do not want to place your child in the position of being responsible for medication until the appropriate school personnel can take possession of it. No student will be permitted to carry or possess any type of medication, whether Prescription or Over-the-Counter, on his/her person at any time (**except EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS and approved medications prescribed for self-administration**). **Students found possessing medication will be subject to disciplinary action under Section 3.07 of the Code of Student Conduct.**
6. Controlled medications, like Ritalin, **must** be counted when brought to school. Please wait while the nurse or school employee counts the medication. The parent and school employee will be required to sign the back of the Medication Administration form verifying the medication count.
7. School personnel will not administer natural remedies, herbs and/or nutritional supplements without the explicit order of an authorized prescriber, parent authorization, verification that the product is safe to administer to children in the prescribed dosage and reasonable information regarding therapeutic and untoward effects.
8. If your child has any food allergies, you will need to have a "Diet Prescription for Meals at School" form completed and signed by **both** the physician and parent to turn into the school nurse.

HOW SICK IS "TOO SICK" TO ATTEND SCHOOL?

We follow these guidelines in order to maintain the healthiest environment possible for all students.

FEVER: Temperature of 100 or above. Child should remain fever free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.

VOMITING or DIARRHEA: Your child should not attend school if they have vomited in the last 24 hours OR have diarrhea or have had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.

UNDIAGNOSED RASH: Your child should not attend school until rash has been diagnosed and treated for 24 hours.

PINK EYE: This is highly contagious. Your child should be treated for 24 hours before returning to school.

HEAD LICE: Your child should not attend school if live bugs are present. Your child should be treated and have no live bugs prior to returning to school.

We can treat cuts, scrapes, bug bites, bumps, etc. with soap, water, bandaids, and ice packs **only**. Please keep our staff and the school nurse informed of **any health conditions** that could affect your child while at school. We want to provide the **best** care possible for your child!

Please feel free to call with any questions!