

## **Medication at School**

There are times when students need medication at school. We will gladly assist your child with all medication needs, but the following state regulations must be adhered to:

1. All medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter, **MUST** have a signed permission form entitled “School Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization”. This form can be obtained from you school nurse, at a doctor’s office or can found online in the Student Health section of the Shades Valley High School website
2. For **PRESCRIPTION** medications, a physician signature and a parent signature are required. No prescription medicines will be given without this form signed by both parent/guardian and physician.
3. For **OVER-THE-COUNTER** medications, including cough drops and ointments, 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, the parent must sign a new form every two weeks or a Physician's signature may be obtained for extended periods of medication administration. 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 can be made. **NO** medication may be administered at school until signed permission form and accompanying medication are obtained.
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 when appropriate. No medication will be accepted loose in a plastic bag or otherwise unidentifiable container.
5. All medication is to be delivered by the parent to the nurse or an adult in the office. Please do not send medication to the school with your student. Students found possessing medication will be subject to disciplinary action under Section 3.07 of the Code of Student Conduct.

6. 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. The only exceptions are for emergency medications such as inhalers or Epi-pens that have been prescribed for self-administration.

7. School personnel will not administer natural remedies, herbs and/or nutritional supplements without the explicit order of an authorized prescriber, parent authorization, FDA approval, verification that the product is safe to administer to children in the prescribed dosage and reasonable information regarding therapeutic and untoward effects.

8. Medication needs to be picked up 2 weeks after the medication expires or the Medication Authorization Form expires or it must be picked up by noon on the last day of class. Medication not picked up will be disposed of in accordance with the Jefferson County Board of Education policy.