

## MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

A goal of the health office at school is to ensure that your child's medical needs are met in a safe and timely manner. This information will outline the medication policy at school. These policies apply to both prescription and over-the-counter medications.

- All medication must be in the **original container**.
- Medication should be brought to school by a responsible **adult** and the unused portion of the medication must be picked up at school by a responsible **adult**.
- **Students are not permitted to carry most medication** on their person. To ensure safety, all medications are stored in a secured cabinet in the health room. The only medications that students are permitted to carry are inhalers, epi-pens or diabetic supplies. Health care provider and parent/guardian consent must be on file in the health room to allow students to carry inhalers, epi-pens or diabetic supplies.
- The **first dose of medication may not be administered during school**. This is done to minimize any adverse reaction to the drug during school.

### **Under 10 Day Medication Administration Policy**

When your child is in need of medication at school for 10 days or less, a parent/guardian written consent for administration and the medication in the original container are required. The written consent must contain the following information.

- Child's name
- Name and dose of medication to be administered
- Reason for administration of medication
- Specific time to be administered (ie 11:30 am)
- Start and discontinuation date of medication administration

### **Over 10 Day Medication Administration Policy**

In addition to the above requirements, written authorization from your child's health care provider must accompany the parent/guardian consent for administration of medication. This procedure is also required for those students who may need to have their medication in the health room for the entire school year.

Copies of the consent for administration of medication form can be [downloaded here](#) or are available at the nurse office at school. Completed forms must be submitted to the nurse office.

New medication orders from the prescribing health care provider and parent/guardian must be completed for a new school year.

The school does not provide medications for students.

Medications will be destroyed 48 hours after the close of school for summer vacation if not picked up by a responsible adult prior to that time.

If you have any questions about medications at school, please contact the nurse at school at 362-1743.