

MEDICATION POLICY

Ideally, all medication should be given at home. It is also recognized that at the present times many students are able to attend regular school because of the effectiveness of medication in the treatment of chronic disabilities and illnesses. However, any student who is required to take medication during the regular school day must comply with school regulations.

These regulations include the following:

I. PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS

A. Individually prescribed medications will be administered by school nurses under the following conditions:

1. Upon written request from the physician to the school nurse that medication be administered to the student. Included in the request must be the name of the student, name of the medication, dosage and frequency, and the reason for administering.
2. Parental or guardian written request that medication be administered as prescribed in the physician's statement.
3. All medication must be in protective containers that are properly labeled by the physician or pharmacy.

II. NON-PRESCRIPTIVE MEDICATIONS

A. Non-prescriptive drugs and medication may be administered by school nurses only after the following conditions are met:

1. Receipt of written request or authorization from the parent or guardian.
2. Included in the request must be the name of the student, name of the medication, dosage and frequency along with the reason for which it is to be administered.
3. All medication must be in a protective container that is properly labeled.

III. ALL MEDICATION

A. For any medication to be dispensed with the district the following must be met:

Any medication to be administered during the school day **MUST** be taken to the nurse's office (or main office) as soon as the student arrives at school. **Students are NOT permitted to carry pills or any other medication during school hours, with the exception of epi-pens, insulin and inhalers for asthma, which may be carried by the student with written permission from the prescribing doctor, the parent/guardian and signed off by the school nurse.**

B. The nurse does **NOT** dispense any medications, including cough drops, unless the parent has sent in the medication following the above medication policy.