

MEDICATIONS

When a student needs to take medicine at school, whether daily all school year or just a few days, the following guidelines must be followed:

- Any medication brought to school must come in the original container.

Prescription medication must be in the prescription bottle with the correct label that includes the student's name, name and dose of the medicine, directions for taking the medicine, doctor's name, pharmacy's name, and current date. Most

- Pharmacies will give you 2 bottles, one for home and one for school.
- When medication doses change the current prescription bottle needs to reflect that new dose.
- "Over the counter" medicine must be in the original container with a note from the parent/guardian giving directions that include what the medicine is for, when, and how much is to be given. If parent directions do not follow the guidelines written on the label regarding frequency and dose, the medicine will not be given without a written note from a doctor.
- Written consent for giving medication from a parent/guardian must accompany any medicine brought to school.
- For long-term medications (those given at school for longer than a week) a parent/guardian must complete the Medication Consent Form and it must be returned to the school before any medication is given to the student.
- Short term medications, like antibiotics given for just a few days at school, must come with a Medication Consent Form.
- Asthma Inhalers: The same medication guidelines will be adhered to for asthma inhalers. Should a student be required to carry an inhaler at all times, the student's name is to be on the inhaler and a physician's order (stating the student must carry the inhaler at all times) must be on file in the office. Please inform office personnel of any medical concerns or health problems your student may have.

For the safety of your student, no medication of any kind will be given to a student unless it comes in its original container. Medicine that comes in baggies, envelopes or any improperly labeled container will be sent home without being given.

Most medications that are taken 3 times per day or less can be administered at times outside of school hours. Unless specifically directed by your doctor, give it before school, as soon as the student arrives home, and at bedtime.

***Should your child have a health concern that you feel school personal need to be aware of, please contact our school nurse. Every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of children's health issues while attending school.**

INJURY OR ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Schools can administer simple first-aid. We are not equipped to handle more serious health concerns or injuries. A staff member or school nurse may provide care for your child temporarily until you are notified. Please be sure the school has at least 2 emergency contacts to call in case of illness or injury if parents cannot be located.