

MEDICINES - HEALTH

General Health Policy

Our primary goal is to protect the health of our students, families, faculty and staff.

At least annually, every student will have his or her parent/guardian complete or update the **Student Health History Form**. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to keep this information updated throughout the academic year. All health-related records are to be kept in the school Health Office and are available to personnel having responsibility for supervising students on a 'need to know' basis, unless otherwise requested by the parent/guardian.

Let the school health office know what is wrong with the student. Also, let the nurse know when the physician diagnoses a contagious illness. When a student is ill, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make arrangements for the student to leave school as soon as possible.

A parent/guardian will be called if the student is ill (vomiting, diarrhea, temperature over 100 degrees F), faints, has a seizure, has head lice, or a new problem not previously identified is brought to the attention of the nurse. A parent/guardian will also be called for any injuries of significance (small scrapes will be treated without calling), any changes in known health conditions, and any health conditions that are not responding as expected to medications/treatments provided in the Health Office. The school nurse may also call when he/she is concerned about a behavior or behavior change seen in the student.

Written consent from a parent/guardian is required before a student can be administered medication in the school setting. The parent/guardian must supply the school with the medication in compliance with this policy. The Health Office does not provide any medication to administer to students.

Students are not allowed to keep medications with them while in the school setting. No student may give medication to another student at any time. If personal aerosol inhalers are to be kept by the student, the parent/guardian must give written consent, and the nurse must be notified that the student is using an aerosol inhaler. The physician's order for the prescription and the location of the medication must be on file in the Health Office.

If behavioral medications are needed during school hours, the prescription medication must be brought to the school Health Office by the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian delivering the medication is to count the medication with the nurse or designated personnel and both are to sign the medication count record.

The parent/guardian will be advised to pick up student medication by the end of the last day of school. If not picked up, medications are destroyed.

GUIDELINES FOR MEDICATIONS

Medications should be limited to those required during school hours and necessary to maintain the student in school. It is recommended that all medication be brought to the Health Office by parent/guardian. Parents understand that **they must supply the school with the original prescription container (label intact) or the non-prescription container such as Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl, etc...** in compliance with the State Department of Health medication policy.

1. All **prescription** medications must be in the **original pharmacy-labeled container**. The container shall display:
 - Student's Name
 - Prescription Number
 - Date
 - Medication Name and Dosage
 - Administration Route or Other Directions
 - Licensed Prescriber's Name
 - Pharmacy Name, Address, and Phone Number

Changes in prescription medications shall have written authorization from the licensed prescriber and parent.

2. All **non-prescription** medications must be in the **original container** with label intact and legible. The container shall display:
 - Student's Name and Grade
 - Visible Expiration Date
3. All Medications require **written authorization before a student can be administered medication at school**. The parent/guardian is required to designate that the student is able to self-administer the medication with assistance.

Medications administered during school hours must be renewed by parent/guardian written consent annually.

4. **All medications must be kept in the Health Office ... NOT with the student.**

5. With parent/guardian authorization, students with asthma requiring prescription may have a relief inhaler with them for immediate use.
6. Students with prescribed EPI-Pens, Glucagon, etc., will have medication administered by the school nurse or trained school personnel as prescribed or needed.
7. **Expired medication will NOT be given** at school.

Failure to follow the above guidelines means medication cannot be given at school.

Control of Communicable Diseases

Please report all communicable diseases to the school. These diseases include:

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| • Chicken pox | Impetigo | Ringworm |
| • Mumps | Meningitis | Lice |
| • Gastroenteritis | Intestinal Parasites | Mononucleosis |
| • Conjunctivitis | Measles | German Measles |
| • Hepatitis | Scabies | Scarlet Fever |
| • Whooping Cough | Severe Upper Respiratory Infections | |

When your child has been ill over the weekend or has been sent home from school due to illness or fever, please do not return the student to school until he is symptom-free and has had no fever, vomiting, or diarrhea without medication for 24 hours.