

Guidelines for Medications at School

Students needing to take medication during school hours must follow these guidelines:

- **Provide the school nurse with a completed Medication Authorization Form signed by both the parent/guardian and the healthcare provider.**
- **A new Medication Authorization Form must be completed each school year AND when the medication or dose has changed.**
- **All medication must be in the original container in which it was dispensed by the healthcare provider or pharmacy and be labeled with the correct dose and instructions. The medication cannot be expired.**
 - The label must match what is on the Medication Authorization Form.
 - Students taking a medication at both school and home can request 2 separate labeled bottles from the pharmacy to divide the pills to have some at home and school.
 - Students using an inhaler, epinephrine pen or other emergency medications at school can request 2 prescriptions from the healthcare provider in order to have a supply at home and school.
- **School personnel cannot give over-the-counter medications unless prescribed by a healthcare provider. A Medication Authorization Form must be completed.**

Prescribed over the counter medications follow the same guidelines as stated above for prescribed medications. (Over the counter medications include pain medication such as Tylenol, cough medicine, ointments.)

- **Medications ordered three times a day or less, unless time is specified, may not need to be taken at school.** The medication should be given before school, after school and at bedtime.
- ***All unused medication must be picked up by the parent/guardian on the last day of school or it will be discarded.***