

MEDICATION ADMINISTERED TO STUDENTS

Medication that must be administered to a student during school hours must be provided by the students' parent. All medication, whether prescription or nonprescription, must be kept in the nurses' office and administered by the nurse or another authorized district employee, unless the student is authorized to possess his or her own medication because of asthma or severe allergy as described below or as otherwise allowed by law.

The district will not purchase nonprescription medication to give to a student. District employees will not give a student prescription medication, nonprescription medication, herbal substances, anabolic steroids, or dietary supplements, with the following exceptions:

Only authorized employees, in accordance with board policy may administer:

- Prescription medication in the original, properly labeled container, provided by the parent, along with a written request.
- (In the event of a field trip) Prescription medication from a properly labeled unit dosage container filled by a registered nurse or another qualified district employee from the original, properly labeled container.
- Nonprescription medication in the original, properly labeled container, provided by the parent along with a written request.
- Herbal or dietary supplements provided by the parent only if required by the students' Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan for a student with disabilities.

EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS

- A student with asthma or severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) may be permitted to possess and use prescribed asthma or anaphylaxis medication at school or school-related events only if he or she has written authorization from his or her parent/guardian and a physician or other licensed health-care provider. The student must also demonstrate to his or her physician or health-care provider and to the school nurse the ability to use the prescribed medication, including any device required to administer the medication.
- The parent/guardian must assume the responsibility for monitoring the student on a daily basis to insure that the student is carrying and administering the emergency medication as ordered by the physician.
- In accordance with a student's individual health plan for management of diabetes, a student with diabetes will be permitted to possess and use monitoring and treatment supplies and equipment while at school or at a school-related activity. See the school nurse or principal for information.

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

- All medication should be delivered to, and picked up from, the clinic by a parent or authorized adult.
- A parent/guardian signature is required for any and all medications to be given at school.
- A physician's signature is required:
- For all prescription medications and non-prescription medication given for more than ten (10) consecutive school days and,

- For all PRN (as needed) medications, prescription or non-prescription, given more than four (4) times per month.
- All medications must be unexpired and age appropriate.
- Labels must include patient name, medication name, directions for use and date. (Pharmacies will usually provide cost-free additional labeled containers upon parental request)
- Parent/guardian permission to give “missed doses at home” must be in writing but we will accept via either fax or email.
- Changes to prescription medication administration, such as dosage and/or time to administer, require a physician’s written order.
- Changes to non-prescription medication administration, such as dosage and/or time to administer, must be provided by the parent/guardian and in writing
- Discontinuance of medication must be in writing from the parent/guardian and/or physician.
- **No Narcotics will be administered at school.**