

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 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/camp or it will be discarded.***