

Medication Policy

The following regulations must be adhered to should your child require medication in school:

1. State law requires a written order from your physician or dentist for all medication, including over-the-counter preparations. (Some examples of this are: Tylenol, Dimetapp, Sucrets cough drops). Parent or guardian's signature for a nurse to administer prescribed medication in school is also required. (See Medication Form)
2. Medication is to be in a pharmacy-prepared container and properly labeled. (Over-the-counter preparations are to be left in the original container.) The number of pills listed must be accurate. Have your pharmacist prepare a bottle for home and one for school.
3. Medication ordered to be administered once, twice or three times a day should be given at home, **unless** the physician specifies that it be administered in school during school hours.
4. The parent, guardian or another designated adult (over 18 years of age) must bring medication to and from school. **Children are not allowed to carry medication at any time.** Please do not send medication to school in plastic baggies or envelopes. They need to be sent in the pharmacy-prepared container.
5. No more than a 45-school day supply of any medication can be left in school.

Parents may choose to come to school and medicate their child. In that case, the above procedure would not apply. All medication, however, must be dispensed in the health room.

Following these guidelines will ensure that your child is given medicine in a safe manner. Any questions about this policy, please feel free to call the nurse.