



Helping students find Connection, Compassion & Character
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Medication Policy:

- All medications administered by school personnel during school hours **MUST** be prescribed by a licensed healthcare provider (ex. MD, FNP, PA, etc). All medications include prescribed, over the counter, cough drops, eye drops, inhalers, breathing treatments, ear drops, topical medications, injections, etc). Please obtain a physician's authorization for medication form from the school nurse.
- All medications administered at school must have a written request/authorization signed by the parent/legal guardian and the licensed healthcare provider that is prescribing the medication. Each medication has to have an order form completed. **School personnel will not be able to administer any medication to students unless they have received a medication form properly completed and signed by both physician and parent/guardian, and the medication has been received in an appropriately labeled container.**
- Medication is to be collected directly from the parent/guardian. Student's are not allowed to transport medication to school or check in medication with the nurse, regardless of age. Medication has to be signed in and counted with the nurse and a parent/guardian on the medication log. (Self-carry medications like Epipens, inhalers, etc prescribed by the student's provider will require a physician order and a self carry form stating that the student can carry medication on them.)
- Provide each medication in a separate pharmacy-labeled container that includes the child's name, name of the medication, the exact dose to be given, time/frequency the medication is to be given, route of administration, number of doses in the container, and the expiration date of the medication. If the same medication needs to be given at home and at school, the parent/guardian should request two labeled containers from the pharmacist.
- Prescribed over the counter medications administered at school should be provided in their original packaging, labeled with the student's name.
- Provide the school with new, labeled containers when dosage or medication changes are prescribed.
- Students should not receive the first dose of a newly prescribed routine medication at school due to unknown response.

- The board/administration/school/nurse assumes no responsibility of the students who self medicate without authorization. This is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian.
- It is highly encouraged to give medication at home before or after school hours (see North Carolina School Health Program Manual for reference if needed). If this is not possible, please be sure to make arrangements with school administration for medication to be given during school hours. It is also the responsibility of the parent/guardian to collect any unused medication at the end of the school year or when the medication is discontinued.
- When students are subject to health issues or health hazards such as allergy to bee stings, it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to assure that the school nurse/administration is aware so the proper measures can be put in place.