

## STUDENT MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

The safety of our students who receive medication during school hours has always been a concern. Here are the regulations that the school needs to follow regarding medications at school:

- ❖ Any over-the-counter medication, including Tylenol, Advil, and Benadryl, are treated the same as prescription medication, and must have a doctor signed authorization form.
- ❖ Children may not carry medication at school, including inhalers; unless a doctor notes on the authorization form that it is necessary.
- ❖ Medication will only be accepted at the school if it is delivered to the school by a parent or designated adult. Medication will not be accepted from students.
- ❖ Medication will only be accepted in its original container. Medication delivered in containers other than the original labeled box or bottle will not be accepted.
- ❖ Medication: only a twenty day supply will be accepted each month.
- ❖ Anytime a change is made in the dosage of the medication, or if a different medication is started, we will need a new doctor-signed authorization form.
- ❖ Tablets that need to be broken in half must be split by the parent or the pharmacist. School personnel (including nurses and secretaries) are not permitted to break tablets.

We realize that these rules may pose an inconvenience. However, health care professionals are aware of these regulations and frequently have the forms that are needed and can fax them to the school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us. These changes are not intended to exclude children from getting medication who truly need it. It is meant to ensure their utmost safety.

Sincerely,

Kim Inocencio, RN  
School Nurse