



Superintendent Office

578 Ellis Avenue
Orangeburg, SC 29115

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Dear Parent(s),

Orangeburg Consolidated School Districts Three, Four and Five are all committed to providing the students of Orangeburg County with a safe educational environment. Due to new South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control recommendations and guidelines, the Orangeburg School Districts will no longer provide stocked over-the-counter medications (such as Tylenol, cough drops and Neosporin) in our schools or at sporting events for students or student-athletes.

We will continue to assist students with medications brought from home. When possible, medications should be given to students before or after school by the parent or guardian. Medications sent from home will be kept locked in the school office. Over the counter medications may only be given within the limits and according to the instructions printed on the container or the package insert. Medications must be provided to the school by the parent or guardian in the original container. Please note that the school district may reject requests for certain medications to be given at school. Initial doses of a medication that a child has never taken before should not be given at school.

“Sample” medications must be provided in a container that appropriately identifies the medication and must be accompanied by a note signed and dated by the prescribing health care provider that includes the student’s name, directions for proper administration, and the name, address, and phone number of the prescribing health care provider.

If your child has been prescribed medication for use in the event of a medical emergency, please be sure to provide the emergency medication for use at school. Please contact your child’s school nurse with any questions you have regarding managing medications in the school setting.

Thank you for your assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janice W. Westbury, RN'.

Janice W. Westbury, RN
Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5
Lead School Nurse

District 5: Parents/guardians will need to bring any prescription medication, behavior medicines, prescribed pain medicine, and prescribed cough medications to the nurse for count and documentation. Do not send these meds to school with your child. It could be dangerous should another student come in contact with these medicines accidentally.