

Medicine at School Policy

For Elementary Students:

- If your child needs any medicine during school hours, you must fill out a “*Consent and Request for Medication during School Day*” permission form.
- **This includes pills like Advil or Tylenol** that you buy at the store (over-the-counter medicine).
- A new form is required at the beginning of each school year.
- **If your child is taking over-the-counter medicine or a controlled substance** such as codeine, Ritalin or Adderall, **the doctor must also sign the form.**
- All medicine must be in the original pharmacy or store bottle.
- The label must match how the medicine should be given on the permission form.

For Middle and High School Students:

- Your child **MAY** carry and take their own medicine **UNLESS:**
 - The school nurse or parent feels the **school nurse should monitor** the medicine **OR**
 - You would like to have a **supply of medicine** like Advil for headache kept at school **OR**
 - Your child is taking **Ritalin, Adderall or other similar type pills** on a daily basis.
- Then you must follow the rules under **Elementary**.

- Middle and High School Students taking medicine at school **ON THEIR OWN.**
 - **Must** carry the medicine on their person.
 - May only bring **one day’s dose** to school. Do not bring the entire bottle full.
 - **The medicine cannot be left unattended**, such as in an unlocked locker or purse. This is because these drugs are very popular street drugs and are often stolen.

For All Students--Over-the-Counter Medicine:

- Your child can be given an over-the-counter medicine like Advil or Tylenol **IF:**
 - You have brought the medicine to school, in its original container
 - You **AND YOUR DOCTOR** have **both** signed the “*Consent and Request for Medication during School Day*” form.
 - The school nurse has checked about your child’s symptoms each time he or she needs the medicine.

Asthma Inhalers, Insulin and Epi-Pens:

- Whether or not your child can carry and use these medicines on their own will be determined on a child-by-child basis.
- A different permission form is needed.

Sometimes it is impossible to get the doctor to sign the permission form before the medicine is needed, For example, your family is new to the area. In that case, the school will give the medicine for two (2) days **ONLY**. After 2 days, the school **will not** give the medicine unless both you (the parent) and the doctor sign the permission form. This applies to prescription medicine **only**.

Questions? Call the school nurse at 273-1147