



2023-2024 School Year Medication Requirements

- 1) If your child needs to take medication at school, whether the medication is over the counter or prescribed, a **new** medication authorization form **is required** to be on file at school every new school year. Please have your child's doctor fill out one medication authorization form for each medication.
 - a. Cough drops are considered a medication and are not permitted at school without a signed medication authorization form from a physician.
- 2) If a medication or treatment order and supplies/equipment are not provided, the principal of the school is required to exclude the child until such order has been provided. This requirement applies to students who are new to the district, and students who are already enrolled. Our exclusion procedures are in accordance with the rules (WACs) of the State Board of Education.

STUDENTS REQUIRING AN INHALER, EPIPEN, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICATION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO START SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WITHOUT PHYSICIAN ORDERS AND MEDICATION AT SCHOOL.

- 3) The school does not supply any medication. Parents/Guardians are required to transport ALL medication directly to the school and give it to an office staff member. For their safety, students are not allowed to carry or transport any medication without a signature authorized by their physician.
 - a. Prescription medication must be given to the school in the original pharmacy container and have the pharmacy label attached.
 - i. The medication prescription label and physician order **MUST** match
 - b. Over-the-counter medication must be given to the school, unopened.
 - c. Expired medication will not be accepted.

If your child no longer needs an inhaler, EpiPen or other emergency medication at school, as prescribed during the 22-23 school year, you and your child's physician are required to sign the Discontinuation of Medication Administration at School form. The completed form needs to be returned to the school nurse before the first day of school. The Discontinuation of Medication Form is **ONLY** required for students no longer needing an inhaler, EpiPen or other emergency medication.

Medication can be checked in at your student's school beginning **August 21st**. The first day of school is **August 28th**.

Be aware that health care practitioners are very busy in August; it is advised to make your student(s) an appointment when you receive this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns, or need to meet with the school nurse, please do not hesitate to call to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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