

Medication in the School

Dear parents and guardians,
Our goal is to provide the best possible care to your child while in school. To do this safely and legally we must fully adhere to Pennsylvania laws and regulations.

By state law medication may only be administered by a school nurse or other licensed health professional. In general this means medication may only be given by the School Nurse on the days they are present in the school.

The only exception to this are epinephrine auto-injectors (EpiPens) for severe allergic reaction and rescue asthma inhalers.

For every medication in school the following guidelines must be followed; for more information please refer to the student handbook.

Doctor's Order and Parental Permission are Required

- A separate "Request for Administration of Medication In School" (**MED-1**) is required for each medication in school.
- Each **MED-1** must be signed and dated by both the doctor and parent.
- Antibiotics, medications from the emergency room, and over the counter medications, may not be given without an **MED-1**
- The above must be completed even if the student self- carries and self-administers an EpiPen or asthma rescue inhaler
- The only medications students may self-carry are an EpiPen or asthma inhaler. This must be approved by the doctor, parent, and school nurse.
- The School Nurse may give Tylenol, Advil, or hydrocortisone cream only if a signed and dated "Student Emergency/Medical Information" (**S-865**) is on file in their health record. ***This must be done every school year.***

Medication Packaging

- All medication must be in the original package or container with the pharmacy label
- Medication must not be expired

End of School Year

- All medication must be picked up on the student's last day of school.
- Medication not picked up will be discarded