



## Medication Policies

### **NO CHILD IS PERMITTED TO CARRY HIS/HER MEDICATION ON THEM !!!!**

- 1) Medication should be given at home whenever possible.
- 2) Medication prescribed 3x a day can be given at home (morning, afterschool and at bedtime).
- 3) Medication prescribed 4x a day can be given once in school with a doctor's order.
- 4) All medication must be prescribed by a qualified health care provider on form MED-1. Forms available upon request. A written order by a physician on a prescription pad or letterhead is also acceptable. No medication or treatment will be administered without written permission and dosing from a physician. Medication cannot be administered without directions therefore please **DO NOT** send the medication to school. (this includes epi-pens, pills and inhalers).
- 5) In the event of an asthma flare, inhalers may be administered in the nurse's office without a medical form, this is a onetime exception. A written order from your child's physician is expected within 10 days. Inhalers will be returned after 10 days if the proper form is not on file.
- 6) Prescription medication must have the name of the recipient clearly visible on the label or box and in its original package.
- 7) Any dose changes to your child's medication must have documentation from his/her physician.
- 8) OTC (over the counter) medications such as Tylenol and /or Motrin require written confirmation by a qualified health care provider (prescription pad, letterhead and/or fax is acceptable). Dosing should be determined by the physician not the parent or the packaging.
- 9) OTC medication must be in the original manufacturer's container (Pills loose in a bag are unacceptable).
- 10) All medication that is to be given in school (inhalers, pills, etc) must be given to the nurse/health tech. as soon as the student arrives at school. Students may not carry medication on them for any reason. Students who are caught with medication will be issued demerits, detention or suspension as determined by administration.
- 11) A new medication form, MED-1 is needed each school year.
- 12) Finally, Tylenol will only be administered to students who have a standing order from their doctor.

\*\*\*Any medication sent with your child that does not meet the above requirements, will Not be administered by the medical staff.



## Health Room Policies:

- 1) The school nurse cares for illnesses and injuries that occur in the school setting.
- 2) **Notification of parents/guardians will be on an as needed basis and at the discretion of the nurse. The school district states you will be called in an emergency and/or if your child's sickness or injury requires them to go home.**
- 3) The nurse will not treat injuries that occurred at home, redressing wounds from home is the parent's responsibility and/ or your family doctor.
- 4) Children with complaints of headache will be offered ice; only children with a doctor's order on file will be given Tylenol.
- 5) Children who are sick must stay home; perfect attendance is not an appropriate reason to send a sick child to school. Remember Tylenol masks/hides a fever (100 or above) it does not cure it, your child is still sick.

## MANDATED HEALTH RECORDS:

- ALL sixth graders will need a new physical by the eight month of the school year (April). A copy of shot records is NOT a physical.
- All new students will need a physical; this includes Kindergarten and students transferred from other schools.
- Dental exams are requested for Kindergarten and grades 1, 3 and 7.
- All immunizations are required now required on the first day of school as per the Pennsylvania Department of Health.
- Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have 1 dose of Tdap and 1 dose of MCV on the first day as per the new immunization laws.

I have found it necessary to be firm with these policies as our student population continues to grow and compliance has been less than perfect in previous years. In regard to medications, there will be no exceptions.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at 215-925-7400

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