



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL GUIDELINES

“Daily” Medications (*Adderall, Antibiotics, etc.*)

- A **Medication at School Authorization** form signed and dated by both the parent/guardian and a licensed healthcare provider (LHP) is required for each medication to be given at school.
- A parent/guardian must bring the medication to the school, in the original pharmacy-labeled bottle. ***Ask the pharmacist to prepare a separate bottle for school with a label that matches the “medication at school authorization” instructions (one tablet at lunch, 2 puffs every 4 hours, etc.). Do not send with the student.*** The parent/guardian and school secretary will together need to count and sign for the number of tablets provided.
- Please do not bring more than one month’s supply of tablets at a time.
- If students take **ADD/ADHD medication**, please ask the doctor/LHP if an extended-released pill would work for the student so he/she will *not* have to take the medication during school hours.

“As Needed” Medications (*EpiPen, Inhaler, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Cough Drops, etc.*)

- All medications whether prescription or over-the-counter, require a **Medication at School Authorization** form (signed and dated by the parent/guardian and LHP) to be carried or administered at school. This **includes cough drops** or any other **over-the-counter medication**.
- A parent/guardian must bring the medication to the school in the original, unopened bottle. Do NOT send with the student.
- Please bring in a new, unopened bottle with the student’s name clearly marked on it, **or** have a pharmacist prepare a school bottle with a prescription label on it.

Student-Carried Medication

Any medication carried by students must have a completed **Medication at School Authorization** form on file. See instructions above.

End of the School Year

Please pick up any left-over medications on the last day of school, including all asthma medication or EpiPens. **All medications that are not picked-up on the last day of the school year will be destroyed.**

The office staff that administer the medications to students are wonderful! They are extremely dedicated, conscientious, and careful, but schools are not hospitals, and any time medications have to be given there are possibilities for error. Please help us to prevent these by complying with the above rules (based on Washington State laws), and by asking the school staff to give medications to your child **only if absolutely essential**.

Please contact the School Nurse if you have any specific concerns about medication at school. Thank you for your help as we strive to keep school safe and healthy for your child.