

ACCEPTING MEDICATION FROM PARENTS – FAQ's

- Prescribed medications required to be given during school hours will be accepted.
- Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications will be accepted and administered for temporary medical conditions for a period no longer than 5 calendar days, and cannot be renewed beyond 5 days without a healthcare provider's written authorization.
- All medications must be transported to and from school by a parent, legal guardian, or designated adult.
- Before assisting any student with medication, a Medication Permission Form must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- A separate Medication Permission Form must be completed for each medication, and is valid for the current school year in which it is completed (prescription medications only).
- All medications must be in the original container or packaging, and must contain labeled dosing instructions.
- Medication and doses of medication must be age-appropriate. Some non-prescription medications are not recommended for children. Check the box/bottle for this information.
- Before leaving medications at school, all medications must be counted, verified and documented by the parent / guardian and staff member on the Medication Log.
- Medications containing aspirin (Excedrin, Goody Powder, etc.) will not be accepted without a physician's written order, due to the association with Reye Syndrome.
- Only FDA-approved medications will be accepted. No vitamins, nutritional supplements, etc.
- Parents / Guardians may not change the dose or time of administration of any prescription medication. A physician's written order or new prescription bottle reflecting the change is required.
- Completed Medication Permission Forms must match the prescription or OTC dosing instructions.
- Students who carry medications allowed by Florida Statutes must have a completed Medication Permission Form and a written order from the physician to carry the medication on file in the school clinic.