

Medication Policy

Dear Parent/Guardian,

If your child is required to take medication during school hours, please keep in mind the following TN state guidelines:

- Medications are limited to those required during school hours and necessary to maintain the student's attendance in school. Medications prescribed in the morning hours can be given at home. To reduce the number of medications given in school, **only medications required during school hours will be administered.**
- A completed *Permission for Medication* form is required for all medications, available online or at your child's school.
- For students needing to carry their own inhaler or epi-pen, A *Self-Possession* form is also required, stating the student is competent to self-possess their medication.
- **A responsible adult must bring the medication to the school.** Student possession of any form of medication that has not been checked into the principal's office is subject to disciplinary action and could result in Zero Tolerance.
- All medicine must be brought to school in the original unopened container.
- Prescription Medication: All prescription medications require written authorization from a health care provider (*Permission For Medication* form). It is the parent's responsibility to ensure this form is brought in with the required signatures. Prescription medication will not be given at school until written authorization from a health care provider is obtained.

The intent of these guidelines is to assure the safe administration of medications for those students who require them. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse or the Health Services Department. Thank you for your cooperation in these guidelines.

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