

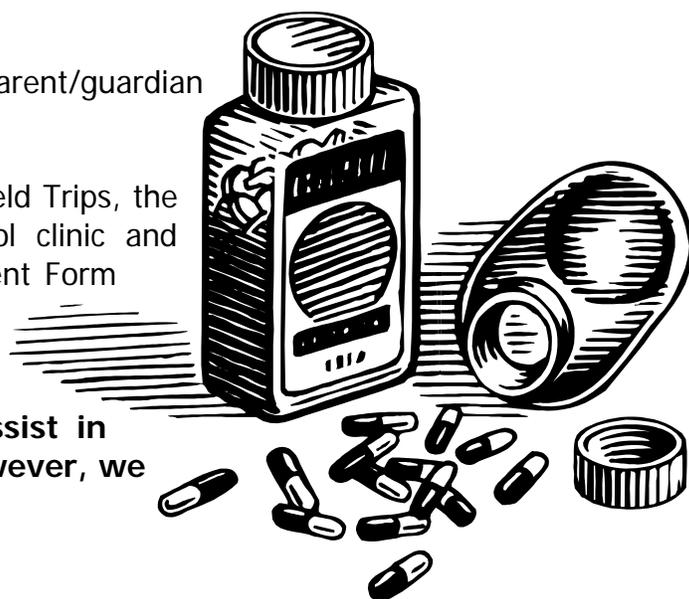
# Lake County Schools Medication Administration Guidelines

Florida Statute 1006.062 governs medication and health related issues in Florida Schools.

## Prescription Medication:

- ◆ Established medication policies are included in the School Board Policy Manual, Code of Student Conduct and the Health Manual located at each school.
- ◆ The Parent/Guardian must bring all medication to school and a Lake County School medication authorization form (MIS 61D001) completed.
- ◆ A student may carry an Asthma inhaler if the principal has a doctor's written statement and parent's written consent that the student needs to carry the inhaler and self-administer.
- ◆ Medication should be taken at home unless a doctor orders it to be taken during school hours. The first dose of any medication must not be given at school due to the risk of allergic reaction. **The doctor will be requested to write the time the medication is to be given.** If the prescription reads to be given at lunch this will be considered as 12:00 noon.
- ◆ Medication must be in original container with a current date, clear directions for when the medication is to be taken and the dosage. The label on a prescription medication **must not** be modified and be easy to read.
- ◆ All medical procedures i.e. Nebulizer treatments, Glucose monitoring, Catherization, Tube feeding, Oxygen administration or Epipen, etc. **must have** a Lake County School Medical Procedure form (MIS 61D018) completed by your child's doctor, written parental consent, and training of staff before the procedure can be performed at school.
- ◆ If pills must be cut in half, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and not that of Lake County School personnel. If pills are not cut in half or quarters as prescribed, the medication **cannot** be given.
- ◆ If the child requires a liquid medication, the parent/guardian **must** bring a graduated medication spoon or cup.
- ◆ For early morning, late evenings and overnight Field Trips, the parent will need to bring medication to the school clinic and complete the Lake County School's Medication Consent Form at least 1 week before the trip, unless it is already on campus.

The Lake County School District wishes to assist in your child's medical needs while in school; however, we must have doctor's orders.



# Non-Prescription Medication:

- ◆ Non-prescription medication is purchased over the counter and is to be received in a new unopened container with 30 or less pills. It does not require a doctor's order to purchase.
- ◆ Non-prescription medication may be given for 72 consecutive hours once in the school year with parental authorization.
- ◆ The Parent/Guardian must bring the medication to school, and a Lake County School non-prescription medication authorization form (MIS 61D003) completed and signed.
- ◆ Medication will not be given to exceed the recommended dose without a doctor's prescription.
- ◆ The medication **MUST** be FDA approved and arrive in the original sealed package.
- ◆ If the medication is required beyond 72 hours at school, the medication **MUST** have a doctor's written order and parental consent.
- ◆ Lake County Schools may not administer and students may not carry the following non-prescription medications:

Cold remedies; Throat sprays; Herbs; Vitamins; Cough Drops; Cough Syrup; Eye, Ear, and Nose medications; Medicated or non-Medicated ChapStick or Blistex.

- ◆ Cold remedies are available that last 8-12 hours and can be given before the child leaves for school.
- ◆ Over-the-counter medications will not be taken on a Field Trip unless the student's physician orders it and a Medication Consent Form has been completed and signed by the parent.
- ◆ If the parent's directions exceed the recommended dose stated on the package, the school **will not** give the medication without a physician's order.
- ◆ A child with a temperature of 100 or above will be sent home and should not return to school until temperature is normal for 24 hours without Tylenol or other fever reducing medication.

## Temperature at School

- ◆ Lake County School District does not give Aspirin or Tylenol for an elevated temperature unless ordered by a doctor.

- ◆ If a temperature is 103.8 or above and a parent cannot be reached, the school will call 911 (at your expense) for medical attention for your child. A temperature of this degree can cause seizures in some children and medical attention is essential. We do not give aspirin for any reason unless ordered by a doctor.

- ◆ If there are concerns or questions regarding medications administration in school, please contact the Health Educators Office at 742-6954.

**A healthy child will be better able to learn.**

**A sick child should not remain in school.**