



Authorization for School Personnel to Administer Medication

Dear Patron,

Davis School District recognizes that parents or guardians and children (in the case of older students) have the primary responsibility for administering medication. However, from time to time a student will require assistance with medication during school hours due to a medical condition. In keeping with 53A-11-601, Utah Code, annotated 1953, the following procedures have been adopted by the Davis Board of Education in order to provide for the administration of medication by school personnel. Your school principal, school nurse or designee will provide you with needed assistance should this help be required for your student.

In the event that your student should require such help, you as the parent or guardian of the student must submit a completed, signed and dated "Authorization of School Personnel to Administer Medication" form to the school principal, designee or school nurse. This authorization form also requires information from the student's licensed health care provider regarding the methods, amount, time schedule and possible side effects of the prescribed medication.

Parents are responsible to bring the student's medication to the school principal/secretary/school nurse in a prescription bottle or properly labeled original container. This is to assure that the proper medication will be administered to your student. Parents must provide an adequate supply of medication to avoid interruption of treatment.

Authorization for administration of medication by school personnel may be withdrawn by the school at any time following notice to you as a parent or guardian. In addition, school personnel who provide assistance as described above in substantial compliance with the licensed health care provider's written statement are not liable, civilly or criminally, for any adverse reaction suffered by the student as a result of taking the medication, or for discontinuing the administration of the medication after informing the student's parent or guardian.

Your school principal will designate staff to administer medication and the school nurse will train in medication administration. In addition, the school administration, in compliance with Board policy, will assume that only students with a current, completed, signed and dated "Authorization of School Personnel to Administer Medication" form will receive help from the school staff in the administration of medication.

District policy does not prohibit a student from carrying his/her own medication at school in instances where the student's maturity level is such that his/she could reasonably be expected to appropriately administer the medication on his/her own. In such instances, the student may carry one inhaler or one day's dosage of medication on their person. Any misuse of such medication by the student may be subject to disciplinary action under the District's Safe and Orderly Schools policy.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of School