



Medications Administration

- All medications are maintained and administered by the school nurse.**
- All prescription medications require a completed physician's order form including the physician's signature. All prescription medications must be in their original container with the student's name and directions on the label.
- A certified school nurse or other licensed personnel, such as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, must administer medications to students. The administration of any medication (over the counter or prescription) to a student may not be delegated to other personnel other than that of a medical professional.** The exceptions are inhaler and epinephrine administration which according to Pennsylvania law may be administered by a school employee who has been trained by a licensed school nurse.
- **Students are permitted to carry asthma inhalers and/or EpiPens if they have a self-carry medication form on file with physician, parent, student, principal, and nurse's signatures on it. A student should visit the nurse after using inhaler.
- All medications must be delivered to the nurse's office by parent or guardian and should be picked up at the end of the school year by parent or guardian. Any medications left at the end of the school year will be discarded.
- At the nurse's discretion, over-the-counter medications may be administered if the parent/guardian has given permission as designated on DC's Medical Form in FACTS.
- Medications off-campus: Students are permitted to carry and self-administer emergency medications (asthma inhalers, glucagon, Epinephrine auto injectors) on school field trips only if there is a self-carry medication form giving permission for self-administration signed and on file in the nurse's office. Otherwise, students are not permitted to carry emergency or non-emergency medications on school field trips. All prescription and over the counter medications must be given by licensed medical personnel. Parents of students requiring medications on field trips will be invited to attend unless a nurse is accompanying the students on the trip. All overnight trips will require at least one adult trained in the administration of emergency medications, or the school will provide such person.
- A physician's order is required for the nurse to give an over-the-counter medication on a routine basis.