

**PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HEALTH OFFICE**

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

It is the policy of Pequannock Township Schools to follow N.J.A.C. 6:29-3.2. the state mandated procedures for the administration of medication to students in school.

Students may **self-administer** medication for **ASTHMA** or other **POTENTIALLY LIFE THREATENING ILLNESSES** when the following criteria are met:

1. The parent/guardian must present to the Board of Education written authorization for the administration of the medication.
2. The student's physician must certify, in writing, that he/she has a life threatening illness, and is capable of, and has been instructed in the proper administration of the required medication.
3. The Board of Education must inform the parent/guardian in writing that the district shall not incur liability as a result of any injury arising from self-medication.
4. The parent/guardian must sign a statement holding the district harmless against any injury or claims arising as a result of the pupil's self-administration.

Permission is effective for the school year for which it is granted and **must be renewed annually** following the above mentioned process.

The **School Nurse** may dispense **prescription medication and/or non-prescription medications** when the following criteria are met:

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS ARE DEFINED AS THOSE REQUIRING A PHYSICIAN'S ORDER. NON-PRESCRIPTIONS ARE THOSE OVER THE COUNTER DRUGS THAT CAN BE PURCHASED WITHOUT A DOCTOR'S ORDER, EG: TYLENOL, MOTRIN, ADVIL, ANTACIDS, COUGH DROPS AND OR LOZENGES.

1. A **physician** writes to the school nurse giving her an order to administer the medication.
2. The pupil's **parent/guardian** writes to the school nurse requesting that the physician's order be followed.
3. **The prescribed medication is furnished in the original container from the pharmacy, identified with the pupil's name. Drug name, dosage and administration.**

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