

## Medication Policy

Avon Old Farms School 2023-2024

The Avon Old Farms School Health Center and the AOF school community is committed to maintaining the health and well being of all students. We work hard to ensure that all students take medication in compliance with doctor's orders. In compliance with Connecticut State Law, and to ensure that our students obtain health care consistent with best medical practice, the following policy outlines the process for medication distribution and the expectations of medication compliance at Avon Old Farms School.

### **Prescription Medications that must be kept in the Health Center**

All medications prescribed for the following diagnoses must be kept in the Health Center. This list is not exhaustive. Please check with the Health Center if you have any questions.

\*Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (includes all stimulants and non-stimulants)

\*Mood disorders (ex: Antidepressants, benzodiazepines)

\*Short-term pain (ex: narcotics)

All the above medications should be filled at **Arrow Prescription Center #15, Farmington, CT** in order to ensure proper packaging and delivery to campus.

In addition, all of the medications listed above must have a corresponding ***Prescription Medication Authorization Form*** on file in Magnus prior to the medication being dispensed.

All prescriptions must be sent via Escript, by the Doctor, to Arrow Prescription Center #15, **by August 15th** to ensure that the student's medication is ready for the start of school.

Please do not fill prescriptions at home after August 1st so that we are able to fill them through Arrow Prescription Center #15.

Please request a vacation override from your son's doctor or refill prescriptions early in the summer in order to have a supply of medication at home for vacations/breaks.

If, at any time during the school year, your son's medications change, his physician will need to fill out a **new Prescription Medication Authorization Form** before we can administer the new medication.

**Growth Hormone** is kept refrigerated in the Health Center. It needs to be **supplied by parents** (not Arrow Prescription Center #15) and is self-administered by the student at the Health Center. A ***Prescription Medication Authorization Form*** is required for this medication.

The administration of allergy shots is not provided.

Orders, prescriptions and medications that are not from the United States are NOT legal in the US. All international students needing daily prescription medication will need to set up an appointment with Dr. Daniel Martin (martind@avonoldfarms.com), the school's clinical psychologist.

Students may not have any prescribed medication in their dorm room, with the exception of antibiotics, acne medication, inhalers for asthma, topical ointments, nasal sprays, antivirals and epipens. All other prescribed medication must be stored in the Health Center and distributed by Health Center staff consistent with a doctor's order.

If a student is found with any medication in their possession that was not approved by the Health Center, the Dean of Students will be notified and disciplinary proceedings may ensue per Code of Conduct. Please refer to the Student Handbook for additional details.

It is the student's responsibility to get to the Health Center and take his medication as ordered. The Health Center is open for medication administration during all Health Center office hours. It is the responsibility of the Health Center staff to attempt to ensure that a student is taking his medication as prescribed. To this end, the Health Center reserves the right to observe the student taking his medication, and therefore may require a student to submit to a mouth check to verify that the medication is being swallowed.

The Health Center may inform necessary members of the school community, parents, and prescribing doctors of a student's medication (non)compliance. Attempts will be made by the Health Center and AOF community to remind students to come and receive their medication. In the event that a student is non-compliant with doctors' orders, the Health Center and Avon Old Farms School reserve the right, after discussion with the school's health team (pediatrician, psychologist and/or psychiatrist) and the student's prescribing doctor, to determine the safety of continuing the medication in question or to discontinue the distribution of the medication if there are concerns for the student's well-being.

Furthermore, consistent with standard medical and nursing practice, the Health Center may refuse to administer or allow to be administered any medication, which based on circumstance and/or professional judgment, has the potential to be harmful or inappropriate. On such occasions, parents, guardians, and the prescribing physician will be notified as soon as possible and the reason for such refusal explained. In such circumstances, an appointment will be arranged, by the parents/guardian, for the student with the prescribing doctor as soon as possible.

I agree to the above policies and have reviewed these policies with my son.