

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-9 MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Parents have the primary responsibility for the health of their children. This includes giving medications.

Medications given three or fewer times a day can usually be given at home. Prescription and over the counter medications will be given at school only with a health care providers authorization and parent or guardian signature. **The following rules are set forth by the Colorado Department of Education regarding administering medication in Colorado Public Schools.**

- It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to bring all medications to school. We ask that you do not send medications with your child.
- All medications must be kept in a locked area in the nurse's office.
- Parents/guardians are welcome to come to school and give their child needed medications if they wish.
- It is the responsibility of the child to request the medicine from the School Nurse or other delegated person in the school. The school personnel will help elementary age students (K-5th).
- It is the responsibility of the School Nurse to make the medicine available to the student or delegate this task to an appropriately trained staff member.
- Authorization from the physician is required along with parent/guardian consent for over the counter medications not listed below and prescription medication. These authorizations will be good for the current school year or the expiration date on the Physician's authorization.
- It is the responsibility of parents to pick up medications at the end of the year. Medications that are not picked up will be destroyed.

The following non-prescription medication items are available in the health offices and do not require a Permission for Medication form.

Vaseline (dry lips)
Menthol Cough drops (cough)
Antacid Tablets (upset stomach)
Baking Soda (insect bites)
Calamine Lotion (itching)
Table salt (rinse for sores in mouth and gargle for sore throats)
Burn Gel or spray (contains lidocaine 2%)

Please inform the school health office in writing if you object to the use of any of the above items.