

Descriptor Term: STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICATION POLICY

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Any student who is required to take medication during school hours must comply with the following Gulfport School District policy for the administration of medication.

1. Parent/Guardian must bring prescription medication to the designated school personnel in the original containers appropriately labeled by the medical provider or pharmacy.
2. All medications will be kept in an area out of the sight and reach of students. At no time will students be allowed in this area to obtain medication and/or administer medication stored in a locked cabinet.
3. The Gulfport School District reserves the right to refuse to administer any medication to students when circumstances warrant this action. Such circumstances might include reaction/response, incomplete instructions for the administration of the medication, non-compliance by parents/guardian with school system policy for the administration of medication or other extenuating circumstances.
4. No over-the-counter medication (unless prescribed by a physician) will be given by school personnel.
5. Registration Card with Emergency Data will be completed. The parent/guardian signature will be required before any medication will be administered.
6. A "Release of Information Form" must be signed to allow communication between the medical provider and the school nurse.
7. Teachers and other adult school employees may administer peroxide or alcohol cleansing of abrasions or small cuts, attach band-aids or small bandages, and administer ice packs to bruises or broken limbs whenever immediate first aid measures are appropriate.
8. Principals will designate persons to administer medications. These designated personnel will be required to document each time a medication is given.

