Medication in School

The administration of medication to students on school property is regulated by the guidelines of the New York State Department of Education. The procedures that Olean City School District must follow under these guidelines are listed below.

1. A licensed practitioner, on an individual basis, shall prescribe medications that are given in school, both prescription and over-the-counter medications.
2. The pharmacy label does not constitute a physician's order. An order for the school should be obtained at the time the medication is prescribed and should include the time and dose the medication is to be given to the student.
3. Teachers should not be asked to administer medication to the students. The parent/guardian must assume the responsibility of having the medication delivered to the Health Office. Because of the possibility of having medication lost, spilled or intercepted, **students are not to carry medication to and from school, whether they walk or ride a bus.**
4. All medication, including over-the-counter, must be in the original container. If it is necessary to divide the medication, the **original** container should be brought to school.
5. Under certain conditions, students may need to carry and self-administer medication (for example, an inhaler). This should be arranged on an individual basis and requires a physician's order, as well as parental and school nurse consent.
6. Medications must be renewed annually or whenever there is a change in medication or dosage. Medications may not be in the Health Office over summer. If not reclaimed, they will be discarded.

*** Please see "Useful forms for parents" for copy of medication form.**