Medication Administration in School

All medications including over the counter will require a written order from the healthcare provider.

Only Health Service staff / designee may administer:

- Prescription and non-prescription (OTC "over the counter") medication
- Herbal or dietary supplements

GUIDELINES FOR BRINGING MEDICATION TO SCHOOL

If able, all medications should be given at home. Time schedules can often be adjusted to accomplish this. For medications given 4 or more times a day, or at a specific time medications can be administered at school per MISD guidelines. Ask the pharmacist for an extra bottle with an appropriate label attached for school use.

► A parent / guardian or adult listed as an emergency contact for current year must bring the medication to the school. No students except those over the age of 18 are allowed to bring in medication. If a student is found with any unauthorized medication or drug on his/her person, it will be referred to the administrator of the campus. Depending on the medication found, charges may be filed for endangering themself or other MISD students.

► MISD Medication Administration Consent, Medication Administration Request, Consent to Communicate with Healthcare Provider forms will need to be completed and signed by a parent / guardian or emergency contact as listed above. Verbal consent is needed from parent/guardian if adult other than a parent/guardian is signing consent.

► Prescription medication shall contain a clear and legible pharmacy label with:
- Name and address of pharmacy
- Name of student
- Name of prescribing healthcare provider
- Date prescription was dispensed
- Directions for use
- Prescription number
- Any cautionary statements

Responsible party may be questioned if the prescription is not recent. If there is a discrepancy that may cause harm to the student, health service staff has the responsibility to question that discrepancy and may refuse to give the medication until clarified by the healthcare provider. Prescription medication may not be shared with other students, including siblings.

- Over-the-counter (OTC) medication will require a written order from HCP and must be provided in the original unopened container with the manufacturer's label. OTC medications may be shared with siblings with a signed MISD medication administration consent and written HCP order for each student.

Staff will be notified when the student is required to take medication.

Student's may not carry medication with them. Exceptions are medications such as inhaler, epinephrine, and insulin. A written order from the healthcare provider indicating student is allowed to carry and self-administer is required.

ASTHMA INHALERS AND EpiPens

In accordance with a student's Asthma / Anaphylaxis Action Plan signed by student's healthcare provider and parent / guardian, a student with asthma or severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) may or may not be permitted to possess and use medication at school and school related activities. The student must demonstrate to the HCP and school nurse or assistant the ability to use the prescribed medication, including devices required to administer the medication. If the student has been prescribed asthma or anaphylaxis medication for use during the school day, the student and parent / guardian should discuss this with the health service staff/designee.

DIABETES MANAGEMENT

In accordance with a student's Diabetic Management and Treatment Plan signed by student's healthcare provider and parent / guardian, a student with diabetes may or may not be permitted to possess and use monitoring/treatment supplies and medication at school and/or school related activities. The student's Diabetic Management and Treatment Plan is to be submitted to the school before or at the beginning of each school year/upon enrollment/ or as soon as practicable following a diagnosis of diabetes for the student. Parent/guardian is responsible to provide all supplies, medications, and snacks for diabetic students.

SAMPLE MEDICATIONS

Must be accompanied with a written order from a healthcare provider.

END OF SCHOOL MEDICATION PICK UP

All medication must be picked up by the end of day on the last day of school by a parent/guardian or responsible person. Student's are not allowed to take medications home. Medications not picked up will be discarded.

Please contact the clinic staff assigned to your student's campus with any questions or concerns.

Elementary Campus PK – 2nd grade	361-547-4106 ext. 2005
Intermediate Campus 3rd – 5th grade/DAEP	361-547-2472 ext. 3005
Middle School Campus 6th – 8th grade	361-547-2381 ext. 4005
High School Campus 9th – 12th grade	361-547-3322 ext. 5005