

## Medications

There is nationwide awareness and concern for the increase of in-school dispensing of medication including over the counter (OTC) medicines. In keeping with the district's educational effort to encourage precaution and restraint in this important aspect of daily health care, the Marple Newtown School Board has adopted a medication policy. The entire policy can be found at: [www.psba.org/districts\\_policies/m/342/POLMARP210.pdf](http://www.psba.org/districts_policies/m/342/POLMARP210.pdf)

Important points from this policy comply with PA State laws including those of the State Board of Nurse Examiners. These points are as follows:

- The following information must be complete and on file in the nurse's office for each request:
  - Written permission and signature of the parent/guardian
  - Written order from the health care provider
  - Medication in its original labeled container delivered by the parent/guardian to the school nurse.
- The above requirements must be renewed every school year.
- Medication forms are available for your convenience in the nurse's offices, and under Health Forms on this website.
- Students are NOT permitted to carry medications or pills of any kind (including prescription, OTC, diet preparations, dietary supplements and vitamins). The only exception is for asthma inhalers and injectable adrenalin with appropriate completed documentation.
- All medication/pills will be stored in a designated secure location within the nurse's office.
- Parents will be notified, at the discretion of the school nurse, when OTC medications are administered.
- It is wise to notify the School Nurse of all medications your child is taking in case he/she develops an allergic reaction or incompatibility or if there is another emergency.
- At the end of the school year, unused medication will be returned only to the parent/guardian. It cannot be returned to the student. Unclaimed medication will be discarded.

Link to in school medication form: <http://www.mnsd.org/docs/F%205141-37-0.pdf>