WARREN HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Health Offices

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MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL

All medication orders must be renewed yearly.

The administration of medication in school is discouraged by school personnel because it is not normally a function of education. However, some children with chronic illnesses and specific disabilities may require medication during the school day.

When administration of medications is required, the following policy must be followed:

1. The parent or guardian must provide a written request for the administration of the prescribed medication at school.

2. A written order must be provided to the school from the private physician stating the diagnosis or type of illness involved, name of drug, dosage, and frequency of administration. Forms for the doctor may be obtained from the school nurse.

3. The medication should be brought to the school in the original container, appropriately labeled by the pharmacy or physician.

4. The certified school nurse or the parent/guardian are the only ones permitted to administer medication in school.

5. No over-the-counter medicines are to be brought into the building unless accompanied by a written order from a physician and a written request from a parent or guardian. The school doctor has provided a standing order to administer one or two 325mg tablets of Tylenol or one to two 200mg tablets of Ibuprofen as needed for menstrual cramps/headache/pain, Tums for heartburn/stomach upset, and 25mg Benadryl for allergies with parent written or verbal permission. The Health Office will have a supply of Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums and Benadryl on hand. If your child requires one of these medications more frequently, we would request that you send in your own bottle of medication.

6. The school nurse must be advised of any drug being taken by a student, particularly those which might cause a change in behavior.

7. Students with asthma/inhaler or anaphylactic reaction/epipen may self-administer medication. However, the student's doctor must write the order giving permission, name of medication, frequency of use, and signed by student's parent. The nurse must be informed when the student uses the medication, whenever possible.