

## SOMERS SCHOOLS HEALTH SERVICES

## **Medication in school**

As outlined in the Nurse Practice Act, Article 139 – Nursing, and provisions of Title VIII of the State Education Law, school nurses, principals, and other school personnel cannot dispense internal medications, such as Tylenol and/or Motrin, to school children and to school personnel without proper documentation.

In those situations, when medication is prescribed specifically during the time the child is in school, the school nurse may cooperate with the family physician and parents and dispense such medication. THE MEDICATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL NURSE BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

The Somers Central School District requires that all students, who need medication during school hours, must do the following:

- 1. Present to the nurse, the "Permission to Administer Medication in School" form signed by both the parent and physician.
- 2. Bring the medication in the original bottle, properly labeled by a registered pharmacist as prescribed by law.

Long-term medication may be given by district personnel provided the prescribing physician completes the medication permission form.

If medication is to be self-administered, the parent and doctor must complete the self – administration portion of the routine district medication permission form for those students who request permission to carry their own medication on campus. Only emergency medication such as: epi-pens, insulin, glucagon, inhalers, and migraine medication may be self carried during the school day.