

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL GUIDELINES

California Education Code requires that any student taking medication during the school day must have a doctor's written order along with parental written permission. (E.C. 49423).

TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S DOCTOR ABOUT MAKING A MEDICINE SCHEDULE SO THAT YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE TO TAKE MEDICINE WHILE AT SCHOOL IF POSSIBLE

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH MEDICATION IN THEIR BACKPACK TO TAKE ON THEIR OWN
If your child requires medication during school hours, please take your school's medication form to your child's doctor for completion. The form must be completed by a California physician, surgeon, or physician's assistant. Orders from doctors practicing outside California will not be accepted. Medication cannot be administered by the nurse or school staff until this form is completed and delivered to the school site. This form must be completed EACH SCHOOL YEAR and is ONLY VALID FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS MEDICATION AT SCHOOL BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE MEDICATION FORM COMPLETED:

IF THE FORM HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED AND THE CHILD MUST RECEIVE MEDICATION AT SCHOOL, THE PARENT OR DESIGNEE MAY COME ONTO CAMPUS TO ADMINISTER THE MEDICATION DIRECTLY TO THE CHILD.

DELIVERING MEDICATION TO THE SCHOOL SITE:

Deliver medication to the health office in its original pharmacy container with the original pharmacy label on the container. Over-the-counter medications must be delivered in the original sealed bottle. The information on the pill bottle must match the orders written by the doctor on the medication form. The strength of the medication delivered must match the strength of the medication prescribed by the doctor (mg, mcg, etc.) Prescribed medication must be in the student's name. All controlled medicine, like Ritalin, must be counted and recorded on a medicine log when delivered to the school. You or another adult who delivered the medicine should verify the count by signing the log.

STUDENTS CARRYING MEDICATION ON CAMPUS

In the case of prescribed medications for asthma, anaphylactic shock, or diabetes, students may carry these medications on their person or in their backpacks if the doctor has completed the medication form and has checked "child authorized to self-administer". This rule only applies to medications prescribed for asthma, anaphylactic shock, or diabetes as they are life threatening medical conditions.

MEDICATION AT HOME

Please inform the nurse at your child's school of any prescribed medications your child is taking regularly at home, along with the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician who prescribed the medication.

PICK UP ALL DISCONTINUED, OUTDATED, AND/OR UNUSED MEDICINE BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

