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MEDICATION REGULATIONS

2026-2027 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In accord with WCSD policy #210 - Medications, the Nurse Practice Act prohibits nurses from giving out any medication (prescription and non-prescription) without a doctor's order. A parent/guardian should give medication before or after school hours if at all possible. If a child must receive medication during school the medicine must be sent in the original container. A **Medication Dispensing Form** must be completed and signed by a physician and parent and returned to the school nurse. Both prescription and over the counter medications (i.e., Tylenol (Acetaminophen), Motrin or Advil (Ibuprofen), Midol, etc.) must have a physician's order to be given during the school day along with the parent signature. No medication will be administered in school without a completed Medication Dispensing Form. **This medication practice will be strictly followed.** If your child regularly needs medication during the school year (i.e., frequent headaches, ADHD, asthma, etc.), have your physician complete the Medication Dispensing form and submit it to the school. Copies of the **Medication Dispensing Form** are available from your building nurse or on the school website at www.whitehallcoplay.org.

All medications must be delivered by a parent/guardian or adult designee. A new sealed bottle of medication must be submitted for school use by the parent/guardian. All medications must be picked up at the end of the school year, any medications that are not picked up will be discarded.

Our school physician from St. Luke's University Hospital has approved standing orders that the staff from the health office can administer throughout the school day. Parental consent is required to administer these medications. That consent is provided through the online update for existing students or enrollment paperwork for newly enrolled students. The standing orders include but are not limited to: oral antacids, oral numbing throat lozenges or sprays, cough drops, Anbesol/Orajel, Calamine/Diphenhydramine lotion, topical hydrocortisone cream, topical Diphenhydramine gel, Lidocaine based burn gel and/or triple antibiotic ointment to be given. Each Certified School Nurse reserves the right to decide what products will be offered at his/her school. No standing order medication will be administered without parental online consent.

In addition, the school physician allows for the use of Benadryl tabs or Benadryl liquid for advancing allergic reaction, Epinephrine for a severe allergic reaction and Narcan for an opioid overdose. These medications may be given without online parental consent. In the event that you do not wish your child to receive these life saving medications, please write a letter to the school indicating this and submit to the school nurse at your child's school.

A new Medication Dispensing Form needs to be completed each school year.

On behalf of our nursing staff, I appreciate your cooperation with this policy. Please contact the nurse at your child's school building with any questions in regard to this policy.

Sincerely,

Renee Sallit

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Assistant Superintendent

The Whitehall-Coplay School District, an equal opportunity employer, will not discriminate in employment, educational programs, or activities, based on race, sex, handicap or because a person is a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam Era. This policy of non-discrimination extends to all other legally protected classifications. Publication of this policy in this document is in accordance with State and Federal laws including Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. We further affirm that all curriculum offerings and student enrollment practices will be handled without discrimination based on sex, race, religion, national origin, or non-job-related handicaps or disabilities.