

DCSD Parent Information For Medications and Medical Procedures

The Darlington County School District has established a policy (JLCD) identifying procedures for the safe administration of medications and/or medical procedures performed during school hours. Whenever possible the parent/guardian should give the students' medication or procedure before or after school at home. Failure to adhere to guidelines may result in suspension and viewed as medical neglect.

1. Any medication, prescription or over the counter (including herbals, supplements and alternative medicinal products) require a completed *DCSD Permission for School Administration of Medication* form from an authorized licensed practitioner.
2. A parent/guardian must bring the appropriate form along with the medication in the newest original labeled prescription container to the school nurse. **Students are not allowed to transport medication to or from school.** Medication brought to school by a student will not be given and a parent/guardian must come to the school to retrieve the medication.
3. Over the counter medications accompanied by DCSD Permission for School Administration form must be in a new, unopened bottle with a pharmacy label.
4. DCSD and its employees reserve the right to refuse to honor medication requests that are not consistent with professional standards and/or deemed unsafe for the school setting.
5. The parent/legal guardian acknowledges that the district and its employees and agents are not liable for any injury arising from administration of medication/treatment authorized by an IHP/health care practitioner and/or from a student's self-monitoring or self-administration of medication. The parent/legal guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against any claims arising from administration of medication/treatment authorized by an IHP/ health care practitioner and/or from a student's self-monitoring or self-administration of medication.
6. Parent/guardian authorizes reciprocal exchange of health information between the student's healthcare provider and DCSD employees.
7. A separate form must be completed for each medication.
8. The initial dose of a medication that a child has never taken before will not be given at school.
9. In the event of delayed start or early dismissal, any medications typically given at school should be given at home.
10. Medications can be administered up to 60 minutes before or 60 minutes after the scheduled administration time prescribed by the health care provider.
11. Medical procedures require the completed *DCSD Authorization for Prescribed Treatment* form and necessary equipment for the procedure, provided by the parent/guardian.
12. The parent/guardian is responsible for replacing a CGM/insulin pump if it becomes dysfunctional.
13. DCSD forms must be updated annually or when there is any change in the student's health condition, medication (including dose and time) or medical procedure.
14. Provide no more than a 30 day supply of medication.
15. A parent/guardian must pick up any unused medications or medical supplies within 5 days of discontinuation or the last day for students, whichever comes first, after which medications/medical supplies will be disposed of. Expired medications will also be disposed of.
16. Provide the school with life saving/emergency medications as prescribed for any life threatening medical conditions.

SELF-MEDICATING / SELF-MONITORING

Certain students with special health care needs may carry and/or self administer life saving medications and/or self monitor provided the following requirements are met:

1. The *DCSD Permission for School Administration of Medication form* is completed entirely
2. The *Self Medicating and/or Self Monitoring Parent/Guardian, Health Care Practitioner and Student form* is completed.
3. Documentation from the student's healthcare provider stating that the student has been trained and is competent to self-medicate and/or self-monitor.
4. Medication is provided in an appropriately labeled prescription container.
5. Determination that the student's self-administration/monitoring will not jeopardize the safety of the student or others.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____