

School District of Washington Medication Guidelines

Dear Parents,

It is generally recognized that some students may require medication for chronic or short-term illness during the school day to enable them to remain in school and participate in their education.

In order to administer any medication at school the following requirements must be met:

1. Medication must be in its original container, labeled with name of student, name and dosage of medication and directions as to when and how it is to be given. The school personnel will not administer the first dose of any medication and will not give one time only medications at school.
2. Only current prescriptions will be given. We will not use any medication past the expiration date on the container. Long-term medications must have a new prescription bottle each month.
3. Sample medications from the physician **MUST** have a prescription from the physician.
4. "Over the counter" medication must be in the original container in which it was purchased. These medications will only be given by the directions on the container for appropriate age and weight of the student. Over the counter medications will not be given before 11:00 AM.
5. A "medication administration" form must be filled out and signed by parent or guardian on all medications giving the designated school personnel permission to administer the medication.
6. Parent permission is good for the current school year and must be updated if any changes are made in the medication.
7. Medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian or responsible adult. Designated school personnel will count medications with parents present each time medications are brought to school.
8. The School District of Washington will not give prescribed narcotic medication to students while in attendance or participating in school activities. Since narcotic medications can have an adverse affect on a students' ability to participate in school functions, it is suggested that the student remain at home while taking such prescribed medication. The student will need a doctor's note to return to school.

PLEASE NOTE:

* The student must **NOT** bring medication onto the school bus, school grounds or into the school building to keep with him/her for use. Exceptions may be made through the school nurse for "Emergency Use Medications" such as INHALERS, for Asthma or an Epi-pen for bee stings. The situation requires a "student self-administration" form to be completed, along with a care plan. Both forms need the parent and physician's signature.

If a medication is brought to school that does not meet these guidelines it will be REJECTED and will not be administered to the student. We will KEEP any medication brought to school by a student until it can be returned directly to the parent. The above medication guidelines are based in accordance with the Missouri Safe Schools Act.

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