

ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Student Handbook prevents nurses, teachers, administrators, or coaches from administering medications of any kind at school without proper consent. **A student may NOT carry any type of medication** with him/her except for students with asthma or life-threatening allergies requiring an Epi pen who have paperwork on file with the nurse in the Clinic. Medications are required to be kept locked in the Clinic. A written medication permission form with original signatures of both a parent and the prescribing physician must accompany all medication including self-administration prescriptions for asthma or Epi pens. **Each medication must be in its original container with an affixed prescription label listing the patient for whom the drug was prescribed**, the drug name, and the proper dosage and administration route information. **This includes over the counter medications**. Medication and Treatment Forms are available in the Clinic and on line.

Illness at Home

Students are advised to stay home if suffering from active illness in order to protect other students and staff from possible virus/disease transmission. Students should remain at home until their illness has resolved and they have been fever free for the past 24 hours without the use of an antipyretic (Ibuprofen or Tylenol) medication. If a student is absent for three consecutive days, it is **mandatory** that he/she presents a physician's note indicating that the child has been seen and that it is safe to return to school. This will allow the absences to be marked as excused and reassure the school community that every effort to minimize the transmission of treatable contagious diseases is being made. Parents must document all absences by writing a note and sending it with their child. Parents are requested to report all confirmed or suspected contagious diseases to the school nurse.

Vision and Hearing Tests

Vision and hearing tests are typically conducted throughout the school year, according to district policy. Additional testing may be requested at any time by the student's parent or teacher. Parents will be notified if test results indicate that additional follow-up care is necessary by a primary care physician.

Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

Parents are requested to provide the school nurse with documentation from their student's physician regarding any medical conditions that require monitoring (e.g. diabetes mellitus, epilepsy, seizure disorder, etc.) along with instructions and contact numbers in case of an emergency. Information regarding health concerns can also be shared confidentially with Nurse Diaz. Remember EVERY school year forms will need to be updated.