

## **Medical Concerns**

We recognize that at the present time many children are able to attend regular school because of the effective use of medication in the treatment of chronic disabilities or illnesses. We believe it is more desirable for medication to be administered in the home; however, any student who is required to take medication during the regular school day must comply with the following school regulations:

1. Students are not permitted to self-medicate or to carry medications to and from school, with the exception of self-administered inhalers for asthma or epi-pens for severe allergy. A form for self-carrying of an inhaler or epi-pen signed by the student's physician and parent/legal guardian must be on file at school. All medications brought to school must be turned in to the school nurse or appropriate school authorities. In order for a student to self-carry an epi-pen, a backup dose must be stored in the clinic at the school.
2. A signed physician's order detailing the name of the drug, dosage, and time interval medication is to be given must be on file at school prior to administering prescription medication to a student.
3. Written permission from the parent or guardian of the student requesting that the school comply with the physician's order is required.
4. The forms required for physician's orders and parent signatures referred to in numbers (2) and (3) above can be obtained from the school nurse or are available for download on the school's web site.
5. Medication must be brought to the school in the original container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy or physician. A locked cabinet is provided at school for the storage of medication.
6. Only those persons designated by the building principal are permitted to administer medications.
7. In the absence of the school nurse, the building principal, secretary, or a staff member designated by the building principal may administer students' medications in accordance with board policy.
8. Alternate remedies including dietary supplements and herbal supplements will not be given unless ordered by a physician.
9. The school nurse with permission of a student's parent or legal guardian can occasionally administer non-prescription medication, such as Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen for minor discomfort. However, repeated doses of non-prescription medication will require a physician's order. Administration of nonprescription medication with parental consent is at the discretion of the school nurse.

## **Bee Stings and Other Allergies**

Parents are responsible for informing the school of a student's allergies, especially allergies to bee stings. In the case of bee sting allergies, parents/legal guardians are responsible for providing the school with sting medication and appropriate paperwork for administration of medication in school as described in the School Regulations section above.