

Medications at School: What Parents Need to Know

If your child is required to take medication while at school, including over-the-counter medications, here are some important rules and policies to follow:

1. Medications must be brought to school by the parent or another responsible adult in the original container.
2. All medications are to be taken in the nurse's office for secured, locked storage. Expect inhalers that have been approved by a physician to be used unsupervised.
3. Prescription medications must be in the original labeled prescription bottle; the label must state the child's name, current date, name of medication and directions for administration.
4. Over-the-counter medications must be in their original containers.
5. Permission for Prescribed Medication Form or Permission for Non-Prescribed Medications Form must accompany any kind of medication to be given differently than stated in the label directions.
6. If your child has asthma and you and your child's physician believe it necessary for your child to carry a "rescue" inhaler, as opposed to keeping it in the nurse's office, the prescribing physician must indicate on the Permission for Prescribed Medication Form that the student may use the inhaler unsupervised.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact your child's school nurse.