

Medications at School

1. Medications should be given at home whenever possible. For instance, medication prescribed for three times a day can usually be given before school, after school and at bedtime.
2. Medications that must be administered at school must be brought to the School Nurse by the parent/guardian and must be locked in the Nurse's Office and dispensed by the Nurse or a parent designated staff member. Exceptions are asthma inhalers and self injected epinephrine (Epi-Pens).
3. In order for a student to carry and self-administer asthma medication and/or epinephrine the student's parent or guardian shall submit written verification from the physician confirming that the student has the knowledge and skills to safely possess and use the medication in school. Also, the parent or guardian must give their approval in writing.
4. A Medication Form must be completed by parent or guardian for any medication to be given at school. A new form must be completed each school year or whenever there is a change in dose, time, or route of administration. A physician/nurse practitioner signature is required for all prescription medication and may be required for over the counter medication.
5. Ibuprofen or acetaminophen may be given at school at the discretion of the school nurse with written permission from the parent or guardian. A health care provider's order is needed for all other medication.
6. In the event of a field trip, if the child needs administration of a medication, the parent/guardian is responsible for administering the medication or instructing the person they designate on proper administration of the medication.
7. No more than a thirty school day supply of prescription medication may be stored at school.
8. Medication must be in its original container, labeled by the pharmacist with the student's name, date, medication, dosage, and times to be administered. Over the counter medication must be delivered in a new, unopened container.
9. Parents need to pick up any remaining medication within 10 days after medication is discontinued or by the last day of school if the medication is given to the student throughout the school year. Medication not picked up will be discarded.
10. Please call the PES School Nurse at 924-3828 ext. 1641 to discuss the details of your child's needs.