

## Dear Parent:

We understand that in order to be safe and able to benefit from the educational program, some students will need to take medicine at school. If your child must have medication of any type given during school hours, including over-the-counter drugs, you have the following choices:

- You may come to school and give the medication to your child at the appropriate time(s).
- You may obtain a copy of a medication form from the school nurse for Prescription Medication that is to be given for more than 10 days. Take the form to your child's health care provider and have him/her complete the form by listing the medication(s) needed, dosage, and number of times per day the medication is to be administered. The prescriber for prescription drugs must complete and sign this form. Prescription medicines must be brought to the school by a parent/guardian in a pharmacy-labeled bottle that contains instructions on how and when the medication is to be given.
- Nonprescription medications that are on the approved standing order list may be administered to students for pain, fever, or discomfort at the discretion of the school nurse. These medications can be given with verbal consent from the parent one time. The parent/guardian must complete the over-the-counter request form for future administration of these medications.
- You may discuss with your health care provider an alternative schedule for administering medications (e.g. outside of school hours).
- School personnel will not administer any prescription medication for more than 10 days to students
  unless they have received a medication form properly completed and signed by the prescriber, and the
  medication has been received in an appropriately labeled container by the parent/guardian. In fairness
  to those giving the medication and to protect the safety of your child, there will be no exceptions to this
  policy.

If you have questions about this procedure, or other issues related to the administration of medication in the school, please contact the School Nurse at 907-452-2044.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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