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## MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Should it be necessary for a student to take medication (prescription or non-prescription) in school, the licensed health care provider prescribing the medication must provide the school with a written order noting the name of the drug, its dosage, the interval at which it is to be given, the diagnosis or reason for its use, and possible side effects of the medication. Administration is limited to those medications which if not taken during school hours would jeopardize the health of the student.

## A PHYSICIAN'S MEDICATION ORDER FORM, INCLUDING PARENT REQUEST FOR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION, MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED IN ORDER FOR MEDICATION TO BE ADMINISTERED.

The medication, prescription or non-prescription, <u>MUST</u> be brought to the school <u>by the parent/legal guardian</u> in the original pharmacy-labeled container. For the health and safety of our students, it is school policy that medications <u>ARE NOT</u> to be brought to school by the student, <u>NO EXCEPTIONS</u>. Medications are to be kept in the Nurse's office.

A medication order is effective July 1-June 30 of each school year and <u>MUST</u> be renewed annually. All medications must be picked up at the end of the school year or at the end of the medication use period, or they will be disposed of in the appropriate manner.

Please be aware that students receiving any nebulized medications while at school <u>MUST</u> provide <u>their own mask</u> <u>and tubing</u> to be kept in the nurse's office. A nebulizer machine is available in the nurse's office for use while at school. However, masks and tubing are not shared among students for sanitary reasons.

The ONLY students that may be granted permission for self-administration of medication while at school are limited to LIFE-THREATENING SITUATIONS, such as asthma and life-threatening allergies. Qualifying students must meet certain conditions and complete required forms to be considered for self-administration. See your School Nurse for any needed forms and further information regarding this policy. WITH THE APPROPRIATE

AUTHORIZATION, THESE ARE THE ONLY STUDENTS WHO MAY SELF-CARRY AND/OR SELF-MEDICATE.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL NURSE TO RECEIVE MEDICATION ORDER FORMS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION FORMS TO ALLOW FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your school nurse. Your continued cooperation regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

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