

## **Medication Tips for Parents**

- A Medication Administration Record form, signed by a physician, is required for any student to take prescription medications while at school.
- An Over-the-Counter Medication form, signed by a parent, is required for any student to take over the counter medication while at school.
- The following over-the-counter medications are kept on hand: Ibuprofen (200mg pills), Acetaminophen (325mg pills), Children's Tylenol (liquid), and Benadryl (liquid and pills), as well as any other over-the-counter medication deemed necessary by the school health professional.
- Students needing medication are encouraged to receive it at home when possible and limit those medications given at school to those required to maintain health (i.e., inhalers, EpiPens, insulin, etc.).
- Students may receive medication in the office when needed. A staff member trained by a health professional to administer medication can dispense medication according to parent and physician orders, and according to the school medication policy.
- All medication must be delivered to the school by a parent.
- All medication must be <u>in its original container</u> with a readable label.
- All medications will be stored and locked in the office, where students can get them when needed.
- Students are not permitted to carry or store any medication personally, prescribed or over the counter, while at school.
- Students may keep life-saving emergency medications with them (i.e., EpiPen, insulin, inhaler) with written permission from a physician to do so. (Note: There is a checkbox a physician can mark to grant permission for a student to have emergency medications with them at all times on the Medication Administration Record form).
- No new medication will be given until cleared by the school health professional.
- Parents must renew medication orders annually <u>and</u> communicate medication changes to the school. Prescription medication changes also require written order changes from their physician.