



## MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

In compliance with California Education Code Section 49423, when an employee of the school district gives a medication to a student, the employee must be acting in accordance with the written directions of a physician and with the written permission of the child's parent or legal guardian.

Parents or guardians must complete a written request for ANY medication to be administered at school. Parent permission and physician authorization forms must be completed for all medications, INCLUDING those purchased over the counter such as Tylenol, cough, etc. The student's physician must provide a written statement detailing the amount of medication, the method, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken. Requests for administering required medication at school should be updated annually or more frequently if there is a change in the medication, dosage, or time schedule.

**The prescription label on the container is not acceptable as a physician's statement.**

We require all medications to be stored in the school office and be administered only when the physician's and parent/guardian's signed permissions are on file. **Parents shall bring the medication to school.** Children are not allowed to have medication in their possession at school, walking to and from school, or on the school bus. The only exception to this policy is if the student's well-being is in jeopardy unless the medication is carried on his/her person. The appropriate release forms can be obtained from the school and must include a statement from the physician that the student's well-being is in jeopardy unless the medication is carried on his/her person.

In addition, parents or guardians must provide the medication in the container in which it was purchased, with the prescription label attached, and must be prescribed to the student to whom it will be administered. When asked, most pharmacists will provide a duplicate bottle for school use. School personnel cannot give medication brought to school in any other repackaging. No out-of-date medication will be given.

Our school secretaries maintain a list of students needing medication during school hours. This list is reviewed/updated on an ongoing basis. A log is maintained for each student in the office, recording medications that are administered during school hours by designated personnel.