

## Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Administration of Medication to Students

If it becomes necessary for a student to take medication at school, these guidelines must be followed. Authorization for medications is reviewed annually.

1. Over the counter medication, such as Tylenol, ibuprofen, and cough medication can be given if sent in the original container and accompanied by a dated, written permission from parents that includes why it needs to be given. Product label recommendations for administration will be used for medication dosage. If medication dosage needs to be given outside the guidelines of product labeling, a prescription needs to be provided.
2. Prescription medications must be sent to school in the original pharmacy bottle with a medication label that includes the student's name, name of medication, directions for use, date and prescriber's name. You may need to ask your pharmacist to give you two containers, one for school and one for home. Written permission from parent is also required.
3. Self-administration of medication for students with asthma or other airway disease is allowed under the following guidelines: It is the provider and parent who will decide if the student is capable of carrying and using his/her inhaler. The school/nurse will **not** be responsible for determining if the student is competent to use the inhaler, nor will the school nurse have to record how often the student is using the inhaler. The school must have a **written statement** from the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner indicating the need for the inhaler and **permission to carry the inhaler at all times**. The school must also have a written consent from the parent for the student to carry the inhaler at all times. The inhaler must have a prescription label on the inhaler itself, not the box. Students who fail to comply with the self-administration rules or abuse the privilege (example: incorrect technique, overusing, or sharing medication) can, by law, have the privilege to carry an inhaler revoked. Authorization is reviewed annually. If changes occur in the medication dosage or time of administration, the parent is to notify school officials immediately.
4. Medication that is prescribed for three times a day or less does not need to be given during the school day. We prefer, if approved by the prescriber, that this medication be given before school, immediately after school, and at bedtime.
5. On special occasions, such as field trips, when students are out of the building at the time their medication is scheduled to be given, the medication will be packaged and sealed in individual envelopes, labeled with the student's name, name of medication, and time it is to be given. The supervising instructor will then administer the medication at the appropriate time.

Please complete this form for medication to be administered at school

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Medication \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Medication to be Given \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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For self-administration of asthma or airway disease medication (inhalers or nebulizer treatments) a provider's (physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner) recommendation and signature is required

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to carry at all times and self-administer his/her inhaler

Provider signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_