

Auburn School District No. 408

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ANNEX

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL and SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION

Dear Parents:

In order to administer medication at school, whether prescription or over-the-counter drugs, state law and school district policy *requires*:

1. **Written instructions from the doctor or dentist.** Orders written by a PA or ARNP are accepted ***only*** if cosigned by a DO or MD.
2. Written permission from the parent.
3. Medication in the original container.
4. The permission and instructions are good for only one school year.
5. Medications are stored in a locked cupboard at the school. Medications that need to be carried by the student, such as an inhaler or EpiPen must be specifically ordered by the physician (i.e., “student is to carry inhaler at all times”).

The doctor or dentist must include the name of the medication, the dosage, the possible risks, and the reason the medication needs to be given at school. Often the provider can adjust dosage times so medications need not be given during school hours. This requirement applies to all forms of medications, even over-the-counter preparations.

The parent must include a note requesting that the medication be given at school. There are forms in each school office, or a simple note will be accepted. If you are unable to obtain a note signed by the doctor, you must come to the school office and personally administer the medication to your student. Any medication *must* come in the original container with the child's name clearly printed on it.

In the event your student experiences an *allergic reaction* (i.e., to bee sting, insect bite, food, medication) at school or on a field trip, school personnel will respond in the following manner:

1. The student’s condition will immediately be evaluated and first aid care given as needed.
2. If indicated, 911 will be called.
3. If the student has a history of a severe allergic reaction, it is highly recommended the student have an EpiPen at school with the necessary paperwork from your health care provider in place.
4. If the parent/guardian or emergency contacts are not available for consultation and if immediate observation or treatment is urgent (in the judgment of school authorities or emergency personnel), your student will be transported by ambulance to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Please contact the school nurse if you have questions regarding this or any other health concern.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Holm
Executive Director of Special Student Services