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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL and SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION

In order to administer medication at school, whether prescription or over-the-counter drugs, Washington State Law (RCW 28A.210.260 and 270) and school district policy *requires*:

1. An Authorization for Administration of Medication at School form completed by parent/guardian AND a licensed health care provider with prescriptive authority.
2. The licensed health care provider must include the name of the medication, dosage, time(s) to be administered, possible risks, and reason the medication needs to be given at school.
3. Medication must be in the original, properly labeled container with the child's name clearly printed on it.
4. The permission and instructions are good for only one school year.
5. 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 at all times.”

These requirements apply to all forms of medication including over-the-counter preparations.

Medications are stored in the health room unless otherwise directed by the student’s health care provider. Please be aware that medications stored in the health room may not be available during non-school hours. 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.

In the event your student experiences an *allergic reaction* (i.e. history of allergic reaction to bee sting, foods or 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 the student has a history of a severe allergic reaction, the student is required to have an EpiPen at school with the necessary paperwork from your health care provider before the student starts school (RCW 28A.210.320.) Epinephrine auto injectors are the only injectors school staff, other than school nurses, can administer to a student susceptible to a pre-determined life threatening condition.
3. 911 will be called.
4. If the parent/guardian or emergency contacts are not available for consultation and if, in the judgment of school authorities or emergency personnel, immediate observation or treatment is urgent, we will transport your student by ambulance to the nearest emergency room.
5. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure necessary emergency medications are available to their student after school hours and while traveling to, from, and during after school events.

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