

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT INFORMATION ON MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Pursuant to Chapter 195, Laws of 1982 and Chapter 28A.210 RCW, Mead School District is authorized to administer ORAL medication to students during school hours. It is our policy that such medications will only be administered when the failure to receive the medication may result in the student being unable to attend school and/or well enough to participate in learning activities. We define medication to mean all drugs - whether prescription or over the counter. Medication must be brought to the school office and will be stored in a locked cabinet.

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MUST BE MET:

I. Prescription Medication

1. All medication must have written orders. The medication request must be signed by a licensed health professional who has prescriptive authority.
2. All medication must have signed parent/guardian/custodian permission.
3. All medication must be in the original prescription bottle (container) and properly labeled with student's name, name of drug, dosage, name of health professional who is prescribing, and the time of day to be given.
4. Sample medication must also be properly labeled and in the original container or package.

II. Back-up Medication

1. Back-up medication for life threatening health conditions is highly recommended. (i.e. Epi Pens and inhalers)
2. If provided by a students' parent or guardian, this medication will be kept at the students' school in a location to which the student has immediate access in the event of an asthma or anaphylaxis emergency.

III. Non-Prescription Medication

1. Non-prescription medication (i.e. cough drops, vitamins, aspirin, cough syrup or any over-the-counter medication) will not be given without written prescriptive orders plus signed parent/guardian/custodian permission.
2. Non-prescription medicine must be in the original container and must be labeled with the student's name, the prescribing authority, dosage, and time of day to be given.

IV. Non-Oral Medication

1. School personnel will not administer eye drops, ear drops, ointments, topical medication or injections. These medications must be self-administered by the child or the parent/guardian/custodian, or an adult designee may come to school and administer the medication. (Exception: Injectables in life-threatening situations)
2. If medication is self-administered, it must be indicated on the Medication Request Form.

V. Administering Medication 15 Days or Less

1. The parent/guardian/custodian must fill out and sign the parent portion of the Medication Request form (available at any school office).
2. The prescribing authority must write a request for medication to be administered at school. This request may be on a prescription blank.

VI. Administering Medication 15 Days or More

1. The school district form, Medication Request Form, must be completed and signed by a health professional prescribing within the scope of his/her prescriptive authority. This form is available at any school office.
2. The parent/guardian/custodian must fill out and sign the parent portion of the form.
3. This authorization is good for the current school year only.