

MEDICATION GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

Whenever it is necessary for your child to receive medication(s) at school, the guidelines listed below must be followed.

Students in Meriwether County Schools are not to carry medication with them at school. All medications will be kept in the school office unless authorized and written requests are on file in the school office.

Medication will be given to students by school personnel only when prescribed and ordered by a physician for that particular student and/or according to the following guidelines:

- Parent must inform the school in writing requesting medication to be given to their child.
- The name of the medication, dosage and the time to be given must be clearly stated.
- Medication forms may be picked up from the school nurse or school office.
- All prescription medications must be brought to school in a labeled prescription bottle that includes the student's name, date, dosage, name of drug and name of physician.
(Ask your pharmacy to give you two separate bottles, one for home and one for school)
- Non-prescription medication will be given only for a short term period (less than two weeks). Parents must put in writing this request along with the directions for administration. Medications must be in the original container with the student's name and direction for administration.
 - DO NOT send any medication to school in baggies, foil or wrapped in paper. All medication must be in the original labeled container.
- **We strongly discourage any medication being transported by students on the school buses.** (If there is no other option, please call your school nurse to discuss this matter.)
- Emergency medications such as inhalers, insulin or epi pens may be carried by a student with authorized consents on file in the office. Special consent forms are available from the school nurse or from the school office.

You will be contacted if your child brings medication to school that does not follow these guidelines.

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