Medications in School

NYS requires that <u>all medications</u>, both prescription and over-the-counter, require the following:

- ★ A signed <u>Prescriber Order for Medication in School</u>
- ★ Over-the-counter medications need to be in original packaging
- ★ Prescription medications need to be in pharmacy container with pharmacy label
- ★ All medications must be brought in by an adult and handed to a staff member
- ★ Medications must **not** be sent in or sent home with students unless they have a signed self-carry / self-administer order

Important tips and details:

- ★ Nurses do not have stock medications in the Health Offices for general use
- ★ Self-carry / self-administer orders are only used for students in grades 6-12
- ★ If a medication can be given around your student's lunch time, you can request the prescriber to write "with lunch" or "at lunchtime" instead of a specific time. This makes it possible to administer the

- medication at a time that is more convenient to your student's schedule instead of interrupting your student's instructional time to have them come to the Health Office.
- ★ All medications, prescription or over-the-counter, need to be picked up by an adult by dismissal on the last day of school. Email Nurse to schedule a time.
- ★ A new <u>Prescriber Order for Medication in School</u> is required each school year.
- ★ Refills of medication will need to be brought in by an adult and handed to a staff member, just as the initial inventory does.
- ★ The Nurse will email you when our supply of the medication is low, but the Nurse is also happy to give you a current dose count whenever you need it.
- ★ The Nurse will inform you if a scheduled dose was missed.

Please see the "important documents" section on the "Health Office" page of the school website for a copy of the <u>Prescriber Order for Medication in</u> School