

NEW BERLIN ELEMENTARY MEDICATION PROCEDURES

1. Medications are administered at school in accordance with the Recommended Practices and Procedures Manual from the Illinois State Board of Education. Administering medications at school is discouraged. However, some pupils with long-term chronic illness or disability may require medication during the day. Only in exceptional cases in which failure to take medication could jeopardize the child's health and/or education, should medication be administered at school. All prescription medications that are brought to school must be sent to the nurse's office upon arrival. This medication will be stored in a locked cabinet. It is recommended that medications be delivered to the school by the parent.
2. All medications given at school, prescription and over the counter medication and supplements (which include essential oils), must be prescribed by a licensed prescriber. The medication must be brought to school in the original most up-to-date container as dispensed by the pharmacy or in the original over the counter packaging. No medication in "baggies" will be accepted. The CUSD#16 "Authorization For Administration of Prescription Medication" form must be completed by both the parent and the physician. Any change in the dosage or administration must have written authorization from the prescriber.
3. The morning doses of medications should be given at home.
4. The school reserves the right to have the time of medication administration at school adjusted to meet the schedule and availability of the nurse.
5. Questions concerning medications will be referred to your physician.
6. Self-managed and emergency medications will be evaluated individually by the school nurse (i.e. asthma inhalers, epi-pens, and medication to manage diabetes). It is recommended that spare medications and supplies be kept in the nurse's office for emergency use.
7. All CUSD #16 Medication and Health Forms are available on the website, in either school office or in the nurse's office.
8. The school not only has the right, but also the responsibility to refuse to administer any medication at school if properly qualified individuals are not available.
9. The school will ascertain from the parent and/or the physician the necessity for administering medication during school hours and will retain the discretion to reject requests that do not meet the medication guidelines. Medication sent to school without proper documentation will NOT be given.
10. Noon medication is not routinely given at school on early dismissals @ 11:45.