

Viroqua Area Schools

HEALTH SERVICES

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MEDICATION POLICY

The School District has a policy on medication in line with Wisconsin Statute section 118.29 concerning the administration of medication to pupils.

For the safety of the pupils:

- All medications should be brought to school by a parent/guardian. If other arrangements need to be made, please contact the School Nurse at (608) 637-1509.
- Only medications that are prescribed to be taken during the school day will be administered. An attempt to schedule medications outside of the school (given at home before or after school) is preferred.
- No student is allowed to provide or sell any type of medication to another student.
- Medications are picked up by a parent/guardian at the end of the school year or the remaining medication will be destroyed. If other arrangements need to be made, please contact the School Nurse.

Medications prescribed by a practitioner may be given in school only if the following guidelines are met:

- Written instructions by a medical practitioner are provided.
- Written consent of the student's parent/guardian authorizing the school to give medication and releasing school personnel from liability arising from the administration of the medication is provided.
- The medication must come to school in the original pharmacy-labeled package and the label must be legible.
- The medication must be kept in locked storage in the school office/health office unless the medication is an emergency medication which the student is authorized to carry and self-administer by both the parent and practitioner.
- Parents or guardians will be notified when a medication refill is needed.

Nonprescription (over-the-counter) medication provided by parents/guardians will be given only if the following guidelines are met:

- Written instructions and consent from the student's parents or guardians are provided.
- Medication must come in the manufacturer's packaging with a list of ingredients and recommended therapeutic dose in a legible format. (Unpackaged medication will be confiscated.)
- Parental requests to administer nonprescription medication in a dosage other than the recommended dose must also be accompanied by the written approval of the student's medical provider.
- Substances not FDA approved (i.e., natural products, food supplements) will require the written instruction of a practitioner and written consent of the parent.
- Lawful CBD products may be stored at school in a specific location, in its original packaging and allowed for self-administration use under the supervision of school staff and parent/guardian documentation.
- All students and staff wishing to use essential oils in the school must seek prior approval from administrators.

Health Office stock medications

- Under the direction of the school's medical provider, the Health Office will stock over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, diphenhydramine, hydrocortisone, antibiotic ointment, cough drops, eye drops, Vaseline, lip balm, contact solution, tums, pain relieving spray, sunscreen, and bug spray.
- Staff may administer these stock medications only if written consent from the student's parent/guardian is on file. This may be done electronically during online registration, by paper form, or signed note from a parent or guardian. No verbal consent will be accepted.
- The school will stock emergency epinephrine auto-injectors in case of life-threatening allergic reaction.