

Wagoner Public Schools Medication At School

Dear Parent or Guardian,

All medicine should be given at home if at all possible. However, it is realized that there are times when medicine must be taken during the school day. School personnel will follow strict safety guidelines to assist students and parents regarding medicine.

Prescription Medication:

Prescription medication will be given to a student only with the written authorization of the parent/legal guardian. Prescription medication must be delivered to the school office by the parent and must be in a currently dated prescription vial which correctly states the name of the patient, the name of the physician and directions for administering the medication. The written authorization must detail the dosage, frequency (time and dates) the medicine is to be given, and reason for taking the medication. If the medication is a long term dosage, a WPS Medication Authorization form must be filled out; a new form must be completed for any change of medication; and the written authorization must be renewed yearly.

Over-The-Counter Medicine:

Over-the-counter medicine will only be administered to students with written authorization from the parent/guardian. All over-the-counter medicines must be brought to school in their properly labeled containers. Only a one week's supply will be accepted; if the medication is to be administered for longer than one week, the parent must provide the school with written authorization from the child's physician.

If a student brings medication to the school without a properly completed Authorization Form, and requests that school personnel administer the medication, school personnel will inform the parent of the district procedures and the inability to give the medication. The parent may, however, come to the school and dispense the student's medication.

All medicine will be administered through the school office. A student with asthma who uses an inhaler may carry and self-administer his/her medicine ONLY after certain guidelines are followed. These include the written approval of his/her physician and a conference with principal, school nurse, teacher, parent and student in which it is decided that the student can responsibly use the inhaler.

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FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES -

Greetings and welcome to Wagoner Public Schools! To help ensure a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff, school regulations require that these guidelines be followed.

Medical Conditions: If your child has a medical/health condition (asthma, diabetes, seizures, allergies, etc.), please inform the school office, school nurse and your child's teacher. Federal Child Nutrition Guidelines require that students with food allergies must have a statement from his/her physician turned into the Cafeteria Manager. Medications: All medications during the school day must be administered through the school office following school policy. The only exception is for older students with conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes & Severe Allergies. In these cases, parents must meet with the nurse at the start of each school year to discuss their student's needs and provide the required physician statement. All of the above information must be updated each year.

Emergency Contact: Please inform the school office if your home, work, or emergency contact telephone numbers change during the year. This is critical in case of an emergency/illness.

School Attendance: We would like children to attend school each and every day but this is not always possible. Please make sure your child gets an adequate amount of sleep each night. Children should be kept home from school for the following reasons:

- Fever over 100 degrees and until fever free for 24 hours without medication;
- Vomiting and diarrhea;
- Red, irritated, matted eyes;
- Any condition that prevents the student from performing in the classroom - eg.,
Severe itchy rashes, constant cough, severe headache or other painful conditions.
- Severe cough and/or severe sore throat;
- Rash of unknown origin;

Students will be sent home if the above signs/symptoms are present.

Head Lice: Based on reports from the Health Department and Pharmacy personnel, head lice and other "nuisance" diseases (Ring Worm, Scabies, etc.) continue to flourish. Although school, day care centers, etc., are often blamed for head lice outbreaks, it is important to remember that the family unit must adequately treat and, therefore, help prevent cases leading to outbreaks in school. Please help school personnel by checking your child's hair at least once a week.

Head lice screenings will be done at school periodically and as needed throughout the year. Students found to have an active case of lice and/or nits will be excluded from school until adequately treated.

Immunizations: Immunization records will be audited periodically and the Oklahoma Immunization law will be strictly enforced.

Vision Screening Law (SB 1795): "Beginning with the 2007/2008 school year, the parent or guardian of each student in Kindergarten, first and third grades at a public school must provide proof that his/her student passed a vision screening within the last 12 months...." Parents may obtain the screening from any personnel listed on the OK State Department of Health registry OR may take advantage of the screenings done at school by organizations such as Prevent Blindness Oklahoma.

We are here to assist, please feel free to call us if you have concerns.