

## Frequently Asked Questions



### **1. Does the school provide medications?**

No, the school does not provide medication. Any medication you want your child to have available must be brought to the office or health room by the parent/guardian. An “Authorization to Administer” medication form must be completed as well.

### **2. May the parent/guardian bring and give medications to their student?**

Yes, a parent/guardian may come to school and give their child medication in the health room. An office worker will call your child to come to the health room and meet you.

### **3. Where can I find authorization forms?**

Authorization forms can be found in the school office, health room or online.

### **4. Why must medication be in the original container?**

The original container provides information from the manufacturer about over-the-counter medications, including the name of the medication, the proper dose, how the medication should be given, how often the medication can be given, possible side effects, and when the medication is no longer effective (an expiration date).

### **5. What if my child’s medication or dosage changes?**

Parents/guardians must inform the school nurse of any medication changes. New medication or different doses will not be given unless the

parent completes a new medication form. The information on the prescription bottle label must match the new consent form.

**6. Can my child carry his asthma inhaler at school?**

Yes, students may carry inhalers and Epi-pens (both considered rescue medications) at school if both the parents and physician deem it appropriate. The self administration section of the “Authorization to Administer” form must be completed by the physician and the parent.

**7. If I give my child Tylenol for a fever, can I still send them to school?**

If your child has a temperature greater than 100 degrees F., you should not send your child to school. Children may return to school when his/her temperature is below 100 degrees without the aid of Tylenol or any other fever reducing medication for 24 hours. In addition, if your child develops fever greater than 100 degrees during the school day, you will be called to arrange for someone to take the student home.

**8.If I give my child Tylenol/Advil for aches and pain can I still send them to school?**

Yes your child is welcome at school while taking Tylenol and any other over-the-counter medication for an injury, dental work, etc.

**9.Why can't I put medicine in my child's lunch box if he/she has to take medicine at lunch?**

Medication in a lunch box could be lost or taken by another child. If a staff member found the medication it could be considered as a drug with consequences according to the Code of Conduct, which prohibits any medication (other than rescue medication) to be kept on-person by a student at school. To ensure the health and safety of our students, all medication must be brought to the health room by the parents in the original and properly-labeled container.

**10.How long will my child's over-the-counter medication be given at school?**

Over-the-counter medication may be given with physician's permission as needed throughout the school year, if appropriately requested on the authorization form.

**11. What happens to my child's medication at the end of the school year?**

All medications not picked up by parents by the last day of school will be destroyed. This is Alabama State law.