

MEDICATION POLICY

Under Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L., Chapter 112, Section 80 B), a licensed nurse must have a medication order from a physician, dentist, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, in order to administer any medication, whether it is a prescription drug or over-the-counter medication.

The following policies have been put in place to ensure the health and safety of children needing medicines during the school day. Our district requires that the following forms must be on file in your child's health record before any medication may be given in school.

1. Signed consent by the parent or guardian to give the medicine.
A medication permission form may be obtained from the school nurse.
2. Signed medication order from the child's health care provider.
The written medication order form, which may be obtained from the school nurse, should be taken to your child's licensed health care provider (physician or nurse practitioner), for completion and returned to the school nurse. This order must be renewed, as needed, and at the start of each school year.

Medication should be delivered to the school in a pharmacy or manufacturer labeled container, by the parent or a responsible adult, whom the parent has designated. Please ask your pharmacist to provide separate bottles for school and home. No more than a thirty day supply of medication should be delivered to school.

When your child needs medication that must be given during the school day, please act quickly to follow these policies, so that the medication may be started as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school nurse at 386-7266.