

District Medication Policy

Kindergarten-9th Grade

Many serious concerns arise when medicine is given in the school setting. Some of those concerns include: possible medication reactions, medicine security, missed doses, added staff responsibility when the nurse is not in the building, class interruptions, transporting medicines, etc. We will always do our best to ensure the safety of your child and others. However, we ask that you help minimize the associated risks by avoiding medicine at school when possible. We sincerely want to work with you and your doctor toward a healthy outcome. If your physician decides it is necessary for your child to have medication during school hours, please read and follow the guidelines of the **Mtn. Home School District Medication Policy** before filling out the release form below.

FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD AND ALL STUDENTS:

1. **The medication release form below must be completed before any medication will be administered. Use this form only when you are sending medicine (example: Do not send a form to cover any/all medication your child might need during the school year.). Do keep the form somewhere you can easily find it if your child needs medicine @ school.**
2. **All medicine will be kept in the school office.** Students are not allowed to carry medicine on their person, unless the school nurse, parent and physician have approved it.
3. Medicine should be brought to the office by the parent or guardian. The school cannot be responsible for medicines that are misplaced or misused during transport.
4. **Any medication brought to school must be in the original container.** Medicine cannot be sent in Baggies, lunch boxes, etc. Prescription labels must be complete and accurate with the child's name, the date, the doctor's name, the drug's name, dosage and intervals.
5. In most cases, **antibiotics that are ordered three times a day can be given before school, after school and at bedtime.**
6. Home doses should be removed from the prescription bottle and kept at home. This alleviates the need to send the medicine back and forth. It also keeps the school supply in the original container. (Most pharmacists will give you two labeled prescription bottles).
7. Empty prescription bottles will be sent home with the child. It is the parent's responsibility to know when refills are due on long-term medicines.
8. If an occasional over the counter medicine is necessary, a completed medication release form must accompany the medicine. Over the counter medicine can only be given 5 consecutive school days without a doctor's order.
9. "Homeopathic" preparations will not be given without a licensed physician's order that includes a list of ingredients, side effects, and dosage recommendations per kilogram of weight.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION RELEASE FORM

(Please read the policy above before filling in all blanks on the form)

I request you give medication to my child during the school day in accordance with the Board Policy printed above. You are authorized to delegate this authority to another person (such as a secretary, principal or teacher), if so desired. I will not hold school personnel responsible for any undesired reaction, which may occur from the medication. I authorize the school nurse and my child's health care provider to exchange verbal and/or written information regarding the health needs of my child at school. I agree to pay for ambulance service if used to transport my child from school to the doctor or hospital should he/she have a reaction to the medication.

	Parent/Guardian Signature _____	Date _____
Student Name _____	Grade _____	Teacher's Name _____
Medication Name _____	Dosage _____	Prescribing Doctor _____
Time to be given _____	Dates to be given _____	Keep ___ Send Home _____
For treatment of the following illness _____		
In case of questions or an emergency, call _____		Phone _____
If your child is on a long-term medication, do you want him/her to take the medicine on field trips? Yes ___ No ___		
(The medicine would have to be transported by the teacher and given by the teacher.)		Last revision 4/97