

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

A. Prescription Medication

In accordance with Section 1006.062, Florida Statutes, the following are guidelines for the administration of prescribed medication by school personnel:

1. The principal or a trained designee may administer prescription medication to a student while at school provided that for each prescribed medication, the student's parent or guardian shall provide to the school principal a written statement which shall grant the principal or his designee the permission to assist in the administration of each prescribed medication and which shall explain the necessity for the prescribed medication to be provided during the school day, including when the student is away from school property on official school business. The school principal or the trained school staff designee shall be allowed to assist the student in the administration of such medication.
2. All medication is to be brought to the school by a Parent or Legal Guardian.
3. All prescribed medications to be administered by school personnel shall be **received**, **counted** and **stored** in original containers. When a medication dose is given to a student, it **must be recorded**. If dosage is not recorded, it will be assumed that the student did not receive the required dose. When the medication is not in use, it shall be stored in its original container in a secure fashion **under lock and key** in a location designated by the principal.
3. There shall be no liability for civil damages as a result of the administration of such medication where the person administering such medication acts as an ordinarily reasonable prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.

B. Metered Dose Inhalers for Students with Asthma

Section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, authorizes asthmatic students to carry a metered dose inhaler on their person while in school when they have approval from their parents and their physician. The school principal shall be provided a copy of the parent's and physician's written statement of approval.

C. Nonprescription Medication

For nonprescription medication that is required to be administered at school, the above stated guidelines for prescribed medication will apply.

For nonprescription medication (over-the-counter medicine such as aspirin, cough syrup, Murine), the parent or legal guardian must:

1. Request in person that the medication be administered to the student during school hours.
2. Sign a written request (to be kept on file in the school) that states the type of medication, amount of dosage, and time the medication is to be administered to the student.

D. Self-Carry Medication

1. Once a "Permission for the Administration of Medication" form is completed by the parent, student and physician indicating the need for the student to self-carry a medication is on file at the school, the student may carry the following medications: albuterol inhaler, epinephrine auto injector, diabetic supplies, and pancreatic enzymes.