

# MEDICATION

## Need, Question, Issue

What is District #12's policy on dispensing of medications in school?

## POLICY STATEMENT

School personnel will **not** provide students with aspirin or any other medications.

1. Prescribed medications will be given to students only upon written/verbal approval of the doctor and written request of the parent. The note must state the name of child, medication, dosage, and time to be given.
2. Parents are encouraged to provide the school with the original container, labeled with the name of child, pharmacy, doctor, drug, and dosage to be given. (Suggest asking the pharmacist to provide a bottle for home and one for school.)
3. Temporary medications (10 day prescription) may be dispensed by Health Services only if the following conditions are in place. Antibiotic or other medication is prescribed four times daily and is in the original pharmacy container, with student's name and a current date.
4. It is not recommended that over the counter medications be brought to school; however, if they are necessary for the child to stay in school, the student must have a written parental permission and written physician's permission for administration, dosage, and time to be given. Medication should be in a well labeled container.

Students with a long-term chronic illness or disability are encouraged to have an annual evaluation by a physician for continued use of prescribed medication, and present a statement from the physician regarding this to the school nurse at the beginning of each school year. The above statements pertain to all Centennial Schools. The means of administration varies in schools and are listed below:

### ELEMENTARY:

All medications will be kept in the Health Service Office and will be administered by the nurse or approved personnel.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL:

When requested by parent, students may keep all labeled medications in the health room and take it under supervision of the nurse or approved personnel.

**SENIOR HIGH:**

Students are responsible for taking their own medications for temporary prescription or over-the-counter medications only. It is requested that they bring to school only the required amount for that day. Prescribed medications are required to be locked up and self-administered in the Health Office. This is standard procedure in hospitals, clinics, day centers, group homes and school settings.

If there is a question regarding this policy, please call the School Nurse.

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