

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

As established by The School Code the policy of the State of Illinois is to discourage the administration of medication to students during regular school hours and during school related activities unless absolutely necessary for the critical health and well being of the student. Thus, parents need to consult with the prescribing physician to determine a schedule of medication that can be done before or after school.

In those instances when medication must be taken at school, School District #20 has established specific guidelines for the administration of medication.

A [medication permission authorization form](#) must be completed by the student's parents and physician prior to the dispensing of any medication to a student. This authorization form must be renewed at the beginning of each school year. **No medication will be given, either prescription or non-prescription, unless this form is completed and on file in the school health office.** Changes in medication or dosage must be authorized in writing by a Illinois licensed prescriber.

Medication must be brought to the school by a parent. It must be in its original prescription container, the pharmacy will provide an extra container if it is requested. Over the counter medications must be in original container, correctly labeled and have the child's name. **Students are not allowed to carry medication of any kind.** Medications found in their possession may be confiscated, and disciplinary action taken.

Parents are responsible for removing any unused medication from the school. If the parent does not pick up medications by the end of the school year, the nurse will discard it.

Thank you for your cooperation with these regulations. If you have any questions, please call the health office at school.