

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES EXHIBIT
Medication Guidelines • Wayne Central School District

The school district discourages the use of medications during school hours. However, when medication is necessary, we ask that you follow the following guidelines. These guidelines are set up to prevent the use of unknown medications and the complications that may arise from their use. Please review the guidelines listed below and call the Health Office at your child's school if you need further clarification.

1. All prescription medications taken at school require a **physician's order** to be on file in the permanent health record.
2. All prescription and non-prescription medications taken at school require a parent's permission form to be on file in the permanent health record.
3. *Carrying Prescription Medications:* Students may carry prescription medications and self-administer only if the following conditions have been satisfied:
 - a. The standard permission form (available in the health office) is signed by the physician and is on file in the Health Office, stating that the child is maturationally ready and responsible to participate in his/her health care plan.
 - b. The standard permission form (available in the health office) is signed by the parent and is on file in the Health Office, stating the same, granting permission, and assuming responsibility for educating the child regarding responsible behavior.
 - c. School officials find the student to be responsible.
 - d. Only a one day supply is carried, except for inhalers.
 - e. If medication is lost, privilege will be rescinded.
 - f. Failure to cooperate, privilege will be rescinded.
4. *Carrying Non-Prescription Medications:* The school district discourages the use of non-prescription medications by students in school. However, some parents may permit their children to use non-prescription medications while in school to help them get through the school day (e.g., ibuprofen for menstrual cramps, Tylenol for headaches, Mylanta or indigestion, cough drops for a cold, etc.).

Students may carry non-prescription medication and self-administer only if the following conditions have been satisfied:

- a. The standard permission form (available in the Health Office) is signed by the parent and is on file in the Health Office, stating the child is maturationally ready to participate in his/her health care plan, granting permission, and assuming responsibility for educating the child regarding responsible behavior.
- b. School officials find the student to be responsible.
- c. Only a one-day supply is carried, except for inhalers.
- d. If medication is lost privilege will be rescinded.
- e. Failure to cooperate, privilege will be rescinded.

The school district will not normally intervene in a student's in-school use of a nonprescription medication provided:

- a. The medication is legally obtainable without a prescription.
- b. The medication is in its manufacture's container with contents and dosage instructions.
- c. The student has a note from a parent stating the name of the medication that the parent permits the student to use in school and specific dosing instructions concerning the safe use of the medication: a separate note for each medication is required.
- d. The student appears to be using the medication in accordance with parental and manufacturer's dosage instructions; and
- e. The medication is not contra-indicated (e.g., aspirin-containing product for the *flu*) and there are not any signs of abuse, allergic reaction, or other acute adverse consequences.

The school district may intervene in a student's in-school use of a non-prescription medication if any of the above conditions are not met.

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