

Edgewood Independent School District Health Services

Medication Policy

For the safety of all students, please take note of the following important information about the administration of medication during school hours.

- Prescription and non-prescription medication requests are to be renewed at the beginning of each new school year.
- Only those medications that are necessary for a student's medical care and that cannot be given outside of school hours will be administered.
- Only medications that are up to date may be administered. Please check expiration dates before bringing medication to school.
- Please provide written consent and specific instructions for each medication. There are medication forms available for this purpose in the school clinic.
- Medication must be in its original, properly labeled container (no baggies or envelopes will be accepted). For long term daily medication, please request your pharmacist to provide two labeled bottles of medication; one for home and one for school. **Special Note:** If a dosage is changed (Ritalin or Adderall for example) a new label must be made by the pharmacist and sent to school as soon as possible. Medications are given per label instructions. A written statement or fax from the physician will suffice while a label is updated. The new bottle will be required in the school clinic no later than five days after a dosage change.
- Asthma inhalers may be carried by the students during the school day with written authorization by the physician and parents/guardian on file in the school clinic. These forms are available in the clinic. We urge you to keep an extra inhaler in the clinic as back up.
- Over-the-counter (non-prescription) medications such as Tylenol, Advil or cough formula must be provided from home in its original container with written consent and specific instructions for the use. The school nurse does not stock or dispense these medications.
- Prescription medications may only be given if prescribed by a person licensed to practice medicine or dentistry in the United States. (ex: M.D., D.O., D.D.S., Nurse Practitioner or P.A.)
- At the end of the school year, any unused medications will need to be picked up by a parent, guardian or designated responsible adult. Medications that are not picked up by the last day of school will be discarded.