

WAYNESBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Medication Guidelines

Waynesboro Public Schools have guidelines that must be followed for medications to be administered in the school setting. They are as follows:

- Medications must have an accompanying Medication Permission Form completed by the physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant;
- The Medication Permission Form must also be signed by the parent/guardian **prior** to the medication being administered;
- **ALL** medication is to be brought to the school clinic by a parent/guardian or adult designee;
- Medication must be in the original container provided by the pharmacy with a current label;
- Medication **MAY NOT** be transported by student on the bus or in backpacks;
- Medication in plastic bags or unlabeled containers **WILL NOT** be accepted.
- **Over-the-counter medication** to be administered by school staff must meet the following:
 - Parent/guardian must complete OTC medication form. A note from Parent/guardian will not suffice.
 - Medication must be received in the original, **unopened** container and labeled with the student's name;
 - Medication must meet FDA guidelines;
 - Medication must be brought to the school by the parent/guardian...students are not permitted to transport medication.
- **Middle School and High School** students may carry and self-administer over-the-counter medication as long as:
 - OTC medication is a ONE day dose;
 - In the original container
 - Student has written note from parent giving permission.
- Students **may not** self-administer medications without authorization by the physician at the Elementary level. All prescriptions must have authorization to self-administer at the middle and high school level as well.
- Narcotics **WILL NOT** be administered at school; and
- Students in grades 3-12 may carry Chapstick. It **cannot** be shared.
- K-12 students may carry and use FDA approved sunscreen in its original packing without a note from a parent/guardian or health care provider. This is a change from the previous guidelines which required a note. Again...no sharing.

Failure to adhere to the medication guidelines may result in suspension of your child from school. It is the parent/guardian responsibility to be sure these guidelines are followed for the health and safety of the children in the school system.

Thank you,
Health Services,
Waynesboro Public Schools