

Cumberland Valley School District Policy for Medication In School

Recognizing there are occasions when it is necessary for the school to administer medication to students during school hours, the following policy has been adopted:

1. In conformance with regulations established by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, no prescribed medication will be administered at the Cumberland Valley School District schools except by written order of a physician. Written authorization from the parent/guardian requesting and permitting the giving of the medication is to be presented to the school nurse. This authorization is to be renewed each school year or each time there is a change in instructions and/or prescription.
2. Medication brought to school must be in the original container dispensed by a pharmacy or doctor. The container label should state the patient's name, date, name of medication, dosage, and time to be given and laced in the custody of the school nurse, principal, or principal's designee for security purposes.
3. All medication shall be administered by the school nurse, principal, or principal's designee (exception Asthma Inhaler Policy).
4. A written record is to be kept on each student receiving medication. The time each dose is given is to be recorded and initialed. Any side effects shall be recorded.
5. The student is to take the medicine in the presence of the person administering the medication.
6. The parents of any student requiring long-term medication should have a conference with the school nurse at the beginning of each school year and when there is a change of medication.
7. All preparations not regulated by the FDA such as herbal, alternatives, teas, nutritional supplements and topical must be accompanied by a physician's written order including exact dosage and timing of administration.
8. Over the counter medication in original container sent in by parent/guardian will be administered for three (3) days, for longer periods of time a doctor's note is required. Professional judgment will prevail when administering ANY medicine at school.

Suggestions:

1. Please ask your pharmacist to make a second labeled prescription bottle for medicine to be taken at school.
2. Medication that is to be given three times a day may be given before school, right after school and at bedtime. (Unless a physician specifies a definite time schedule).

The form on the reverse side of the policy must be completed by the physician or dentist ordering the medicine and by the parent/guardian.

An Emergency Plan should accompany Asthma Inhaler or EpiPen orders from Physician.