

Guidelines for Medications at School

- DPS has one Medication Authorization form for all medications—oral, injectable, emergency (ex. Epinephrine Auto-Injector, asthma inhalers), and student self-carry medications per Ohio Revised Code (law).
- Any student needing to take medication during school hours **must have a Medication Authorization form** completed and signed by the parent and physician/prescribing healthcare provider.
- **All medication must be in the original container in which it was dispensed** by the pharmacist or healthcare provider.
- The medication and Medication Authorization form must be brought together to the school by a parent or responsible adult.
- School personnel may not give over-the-counter medications unless prescribed by a healthcare provider. A Medication Authorization form must be completed and signed.
- No new medication can be given until the school nurse has reviewed it and checked it in.
- Routine injectable medication can only be given by a school nurse, parent (or parent-designated adult), or self-administered by the student.
- Changes in medication must be provided by the healthcare provider.
- Routine daily medication ordered three times a day or less may not need to be taken at school. The medication should be given before school, after school and at bedtime unless it is time-specific for during the school day. **It is best for morning medication to be given at home.**
- All medication orders must be renewed each school year.
- Parents are notified in writing to pick up all remaining medications at the end of the school year. Per DPS policy, any unused medications not claimed by the last day of school each year will be destroyed.
- Parents will be required to pick up all medications with the exception of inhalers and Epinephrine Auto-Injectors that the student already has written permission from their primary healthcare provider to carry on him/herself.