

Rules for Medications Given at School

The school nurse is aware that there are circumstances and disabilities when children require medication during school hours. South Spencer School Corporation requires the regulations listed below before medication can be given to a student at school.

All controlled substance prescriptions including all ADD/ADHD medications must be signed in by the parent to the school nurse or office staff in your child's school. Please refer to the school website or contact the school office for the school nurse hours.

1. **All medication must be brought to school directly by the parent. Medication May Not be sent to school with the student. It must be in its original, unopened container.** The Medication Request and Authorization form must be filled out and turned in before the student will be allowed to begin taking any medication during school hours. No expired medication will be accepted. Prescription medicines must have a current pharmacy label with the student's name and instructions printed on it. The pharmacy will give you a second labeled bottle for dividing the medication upon your request.

2. **Written permission from the doctor must be submitted at the onset of prescription medication use,** for any changes, and when the medication is discontinued. The Authorization for Medication/Physician Statement form is available on the school website or can be picked up in the school office.

3. All controlled substance medications, such as Ritalin, Adderall, etc., will be counted when brought to the school and when the medication is discontinued with the school nurse or designated school employee and the parent. Narcotic Pain Medication will not be administered at school.

4. Your child should not come to school on narcotic medication for pain management as these medications may cause dizziness, light headedness, and sedation which make it difficult for your child to function safely and effectively in school.

5. **Nonprescription medicines or over the counter medication** must have the student's name written or taped on the container. **It must be in its original, unopened container.** Written permission with specific instructions from the parent must be sent with the medication. Permission forms are available at the schools. (On the school corporation website you can access printable forms by clicking on the Forms link.)

6. Aspirin/Aspirin Containing Medication and Herbal/Homeopathic Medication will not be administered by school personnel without a prescription due to the risk of Reye's syndrome and/or lack of FDA approval.

7. All medication must be turned in to the office. The medication will be stored in a locked cabinet in the nurse's office.

8. All medication must be administered by a designated school employee. The student must come to the office to take his/her medication regardless of what type of medication it is.

9. **Students are not allowed to carry any medication with them unless the following conditions are met:**

The student's parent has completed the Authorization for Medication Form and is on file in the school office.

The doctor states in writing that the student has an acute or chronic disease or medical condition for which the physician has prescribed medication; the student has been instructed in how to self-administer the medication; and the nature of the disease or medical condition requires emergency administration of the medication. The authorization and statement must be filed annually with the school office.

10. When the student's medication bottle is empty (for those taking daily medication), the school will send it home for you to get refilled. Please do so right away so your child does not go without needed medication.

11. If the student is on an antibiotic that is given three (3) times daily, please give this to your child at home. For example you can give them the medicine before school, after school, and at bedtime. Remember all antibiotic prescriptions should be taken until they are completely gone.

12. It is the **parents' responsibility** to pick up remaining medication by the end of the last day of the school year. All medication must be picked up by the student's parent or an individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, and designated in writing by the student's parent to receive the medication by the end of the last day of school. **Any medication not picked up by the end of the last day of the school year will be discarded by the school nurse.**

Pain Management in the School Setting

Often times, students will require pain management when returning to school after dental surgery, orthopedic injuries, or other surgeries. Students should be able to manage their pain with acetaminophen or ibuprofen as prescribed by their physician before returning to school. With the parent permission form completed either Tylenol or Ibuprofen may be administered according to manufacturer's suggested dosage by the school nurse or designated school employee. A physician's order is required for a dosage that differs from the manufacturer's suggestion.

Narcotic medication will not be administered at school.

For your child's safety, he/she should not be returning to school on narcotic medication for pain management. Narcotics including but not limited to Percocet, Percodan, Oxycodone, and Codeine, are used for the treatment of moderate to severe pain. These medications may cause dizziness, light-headedness, and sedation which make it difficult for your child to function safely and effectively in school. Driving and operating machinery is also not recommended because these medications cause drowsiness which makes it difficult to attend to the task at hand. Students have impaired concentration and attention to school work while under the influence of narcotic medications.