



Dear Parents,

It is very important that your child receive the correct medication, the correct dosage of medication and at the correct time. The school system has implemented a policy for handling medication.

This letter is to remind you of the policy concerning the way student medication is handled in the Sumter County School System.

- **Any medication that is administered by the clinic staff prescription and/or over the counter can only be administered with the physician's and guardian's written consent. Consent forms are located in each school clinic.**
- The medication must be hand delivered to the clinic by the guardian or an adult that has the written permission of the guardian to deliver the medication to the clinic.
- Behavior medication must be packaged in unit dose packs with the pharmacy label that includes the child's name, medication, strength, dose, frequency and the physician's name.
- Behavior medication unit dose packs should contain only the number of pills needed for each month (**see chart on back.**) Pills taken over the weekend or holidays should be kept at home.
- **Bottles of behavior medication will not be accepted by the clinic staff.**
- All medication exchanges will be performed in the clinic that includes a count of pills for behavior medication with the guardian as a witness. Behavior medication being picked up from the clinic will also be counted and witnessed by the guardian.
- Under no circumstance will medications be accepted in the clinic by anyone other than the guardian or an appointed adult. Medication sent in the child's book bag will be kept in the clinic until guardian or appointed adult presents to the clinic.
- Asthma inhalers should be brought to the clinic by the parent or appointed adult. Inhalers must be in the original box with the pharmacy label that includes the child's name, medication, strength, dose, frequency and the physician's name. If your child requires the use of a spacer, please be sure to provide one for use at school.
- As we continue to fight against COVID, we will not be providing routine neblizer treatments at this time. We will however provide nebulizer treatments during an emergency. If students require nebulizer treatments parents are encouraged to provide treatments before school and after returning home.
- Any other prescription medication or over the counter medications from home need to be brought to the clinic by guardian as well.
- At the end of the year all medication brought to clinic throughout the year must be picked up by the guardian or an appointed adult on the last day of school. Medications, according to state regulations, cannot be kept in the clinic over summer break. The clinic is not allowed to "save medication" for use the following year. Medication not picked up by the end of the school year will be destroyed according to state guidelines.

For the 2022-2023 school year your child will be in school:

Month	Days in school	Month	Days in school
August	21	January	18
September	21	February	19
October	19	March	20
November	17	April	15
December	12	May	18

In addition to the medication policy the school clinic staff would like to remind you of the following:

- Student should stay home and see a physician for temperatures over 100.0 F. The student should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school without the use of fever reducing medication. During peak flu and strep season doctor’s clearance will be required.
- Do not give fever reducing medications and send student to school. When medication wears off, temperatures will increase which places other students and staff at risk for illness. If your child exhibits any signs/symptoms of illness or increasing temperatures, please do not send them to school. Keep them home and consult your pediatrician.
- All parents/guardians are encouraged to scan temperatures and closely monitor students for any signs of potential illness. If your child exhibits any symptoms of illness, please keep your child home and follow up with their pediatrician.
- Student should stay at home if vomiting or diarrhea. The student can return to school when free from vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.
- Questionable, itchy rashes need to be evaluated by a physician to rule out “ring worm.” The student should have a note from the physician before returning to school. Redness, itching, draining, pus and “crusty” around eye(s) require evaluation by physician to rule out “pink eye.” The student should have a note from the physician before returning to school.
- In a zip-lock bag with student’s name send an extra pair of underwear and pants at the beginning of the school year for bathroom accidents. An extra shirt for vomiting accidents. These clothes will be kept by the teacher and should be exchanged out as the seasons and sizes change throughout the year.

Thank you in advance for complying with the medication policy and for your help with keeping all of our students healthy. We look forward to a healthy and happy school year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 229/931-8882 my office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Sincerely your school nurse,

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