



## **MEDICATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Home is the best place for your child to receive medication. If possible, spacing of medication dosages should be arranged to allow for home administration. School medication administration is indicated in order to allow the student access to their education or to provide treatment in an emergency. The Clatskanie School District follows state guidelines for medication administration. Please review the information below to ensure safe, accurate medication administration.

### **-MEDICATION FORMS MUST BE UPDATED EACH SCHOOL YEAR-**

#### **All Medications:**

- Medication must be up to date and not expired.
- Medication must be Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved. If the medication is not FDA approved then a signed prescription and treatment plan from a prescriber or Oregon licensed healthcare professional is required.
- Medication must be transported to and from school by the parent/guardian.
- Medication authorization forms must be completed yearly and can be obtained in the school office.
- Adequate amount of medication, as well as appropriate supplies and measuring devices need to be provided by the parent/guardian.
- The Parent/Guardian must provide pills pre-cut to the school if needed. Staff are not able to cut medications.
- All changes in instructions must be in writing and cannot be accepted verbally.
- All medications must be picked up at the end of each school year or they will be discarded.

#### **Prescription Medications:**

- Must be prepared and labeled by a U.S. pharmacist.
- The pharmacy label or prescriber's orders must have the child's name, name of medication, route of administration, dose amount to be given at school, frequency/time of administration, and physician's name.
- Must be in a prescription bottle.
- Most pharmacists will provide two containers for prescription medication to be kept at home and school.

#### **Non-Prescription Medications:**

- Must be in the original container (no baggies, foil, etc.) and labeled with the child's name.
- A physician order is needed when the parent's instructions for administration contradict the safe dosing instruction on the bottle/container.

#### **Benadryl/Antihistamine for mild allergy treatment:**

- A practitioner's orders are needed whenever antihistamines (Benadryl or Zyrtec, et al) are part of a student's anaphylaxis response plan. If practitioner guidance is not provided, then epinephrine will be listed as the ONLY appropriate treatment for anaphylaxis.

The district reserves the right to reject a request for district personnel to administer, or to permit a student to administer to themselves, a medication when such a medication is not necessary for the student to remain in school.