



Avoyelles Parish School Board

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

All students who will be taking medication at school will need **a new medication order** form filled out by their healthcare provider for the 2024-2025 school year. This may be obtained from the Avoyelles School Board website or you may pick one up from your school today. Medication ordered by a healthcare provider that is to be given at school **MUST** be brought in by parent/guardian and the child who is taking the medication should accompany the parent/guardian. The label on the medicine must match the healthcare provider's orders. Please ask your pharmacy for an extra labeled bottle to keep your tablets in at home. No medication can be given to your child at school by school staff until the medicine is brought in by the parent/guardian and checked in by the school nurse. Whenever possible medicine should be scheduled around school hours and be given at home.

NO STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO HAVE PRESCRIPTION OR OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION IN THEIR POSSESSION AT ANYTIME ON SCHOOL GROUNDS !!

Students attending AVOYELLES HIGH will need to check with the school-based health center regarding medication check in.

No medication will be checked in the first week that students will be attending school. Please call the nurse to set up a time to check in medication starting the second week of school and allow yourself approximately 30 minutes to complete all paperwork. **The initial dose of a medication shall be administered by the student's parent/legal guardian outside the school jurisdiction with sufficient time for observation for adverse reactions.**

*During the school year if you have to bring a medication your child forgot to take, it must be in the original bottle from the pharmacy. It will **NOT** be allowed to be given if it is not in the bottle.*

If your child has documented food allergies or will require a special diet, you may obtain a diet prescription form from your school. The diet prescription MUST be completed by your child's healthcare provider.

Please check with your child's doctor to see if there is any immunization due. It is a state law that immunizations are up to date. This pertains to students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st grade, 6th grade and all 11 year olds. If your child will turn 11 during the school year, they will require immunization after their birthday. **There is a new law now that states all 16 year olds will now require the meningococcal vaccine.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THESE MATTERS