

## **School Health Reminders**

### **Taking Medications at School**

- It is highly recommended that all medications be given at home by a parent or guardian if possible.
- Prescription medication (medication filled by a pharmacy) **REQUIRES** the signature of the healthcare provider and parent on the Permission for Administration Medication form and must be presented **WITH** the medication.
- Prescription medication must be received in the original container with a pharmacy label that states the medication name, dosage, and time to be given as ordered on the permission form.
- The parent or guardian is responsible for notifying the school of any medication or dosage changes, and a new medication permission form will be required.
- Over the counter medication (medication that is bought off the shelf) must be received unopened in the original container and **REQUIRES** completion of the Permission for School Administration of Non-Prescription Medication form by the parent or guardian which will be kept for the entire school year.
- OTC medications will be administered per label instructions. The dosage may not exceed label directions.
- OTC medication prescribed by a physician will require a pharmacy label.
- Please do not send pills or medications that have been removed from the original packaging to school. Medications received in envelopes, foil, or other make-shift containers will not be given to the student by school personnel and will be confiscated for proper disposal or parent pick-up.
- The school health room does not stock any medications. Therefore, the parent/guardian must bring needed medications to the school. Do not send medication to school in the care of the student. All medication must be brought to the school by an adult.

### **Student Care in the Health Room**

- Student concerns and complaints are evaluated upon arrival to the health room with the goal of returning the student to class as quickly as possible. This is to ensure that the child does not lose valuable instructional time.
- The school health room is a short term first-aid center. If your child requires more than this as a result of illness or injury, he/she should be cared for at home and/or receive medical attention such as a doctor's office or urgent care center.
- Notify the school if your child has any type of illness, chronic condition, or special health care need which will require our assistance.
- Notify the school as soon as possible concerning any changes in your child's health condition during the school year.
- Students with a temperature greater or equal to 100.0 F must be picked up by a parent or guardian within one hour.