



Shoal Creek Elementary Medication Policy

Medication should be given at home whenever possible. Most medications prescribed for 3 times a day can be given before the child leaves for school, when the child gets home from school, and at bedtime. If medications must be given during the school day, the following procedures will apply:

All Medications:

1. Written authorization from the parent must be sent with the medication or it will not be administered by school personnel. The necessary form, titled Medication Authorization Form, can be found on the Shoal Creek Health Room webpage. Before medication can be given, this form must be signed and returned to the school.
2. Medication is kept in the nurse's office at all times (including cough/throat lozenges). The nurse, using her professional judgment, may allow select students to carry their own inhalers.

Prescription Medications:

1. Medicine must be in the original and current prescription bottle. The pharmacist can provide an extra labeled prescription bottle for school doses.
2. The prescription label must contain the child's name, name of the medicine, dosage, and directions.
3. The first dose of any medication should be given at home whenever possible. The nurse may refuse to administer the first dose of a medication if, in her clinical judgment, it may compromise the safety of the child while attending school. In this instance, every effort would be made to notify the parent.
4. If a child requires controlled substance medication, please consult with the nurse.

Over-The-Counter Medications: (Tylenol, ibuprofen, cold and cough medicines, etc.)

1. Non-prescription medication must be in the original container clearly labeled with the student's name, and accompanied by written authorization from the parent.
2. No medication will be given past the expiration date on the container.
3. Over-the-counter medications will be given as advised on the bottle (i.e., limits related to age, weight, etc.), unless directed differently in writing by your doctor.
4. Medications and supplements not approved by the FDA (i.e., dietary supplements, herbal remedies) require written authorization from the parent and physician.

Injectable Medications: (for asthma, allergies, diabetes, bee stings, etc.)

If a medical condition exists requiring injectable medication, whenever possible, the student should self-administer the medication. In an emergency, the nurse will administer. If the nurse is not available, school personnel will call 911. A prescription label or written order from the physician, and written parent authorization, is required for the administration of all injectable medications.