

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION:

Any medications given in school are governed by Massachusetts General Laws (105 CMR 210.000 and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. While every attempt should be made to schedule medication administration outside the school day, this may not be possible in every case. If medication is to be administered in school:

- The medication must be delivered to the nurse by the child's parent/guardian in the original pharmacy-labeled container. You may ask your pharmacy to provide separate bottles for school and home.
- The Parent/Guardian must complete the "Parent/Guardian Authorization Form"
- The licensed prescriber must complete a "Medication Order Form"
- Both completed permission forms must be received by the nurse before medication administration can begin.

[Parent Consent/Med Admin \(2019\)](#)

[Physician's Medication Order](#)

[Parent Medication Information Letter](#)

Over the Counter Medication:

The nurse may administer over-the-counter medications to students with completed parent /guardian permission and prescriber orders on file. In the case of acetaminophen (Tylenol) and diphenhydramine (Benadryl), the parents/guardian needs to complete an "over the counter" permission form.

[Over the Counter Medication Form \(2019\)](#)

Tylenol Use Procedure

As a result of warnings issued by the FDA regarding the dangers related to the misuse and overuse of Tylenol (acetaminophen), the nursing department has in place procedures to monitor and discourage the excessive use of this drug during the school day unless there is proper indication for use. As with any medication administration, nursing assessment is required and is given at the nurse's discretion. If the nurse has concerns related to use or overuse, a phone call home and/or doctors' orders for continuation of this medication may be required. If you have questions regarding the specifics of this procedure, please call your school nurse.

Please be advised that all Over-the-Counter Medications are administered at the Nurse's discretion.

End of Year:

At the end of each school year please arrange to pick up your child's medication/inhaler/EpiPen **PRIOR** to the last day of school. Any medication not picked up will be properly disposed of. Medication is **not** kept for use the next school year.