

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOROURH OF MORRISVILLE

Student Health Services

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Prescribed medications which are necessary for the health of a child may be administered during the school day. It is recommended that, whenever possible, all medications be administered at home by the parent or guardian. The first dose of any new medication should always be administered at home to ensure close observation of any adverse reaction. If your physician decides it is necessary for your child to receive a medication during the school hours the following guidelines must be followed. This is per school district policies applying to all medications brought to school.

The “**Permission to Administer Medications in School**” form must be completed and signed by the physician and the parent or guardian for all medications – both prescribed and over-the-counter. It can be found on school web site, click on district tab, then nurse and all form links are highlighted in blue at bottom. **Current emergency cards** must be complete and on file for your child.

Medication must be sent to school in the original pharmacy container with the current prescription label. Upon request, pharmacies can prepare a duplicate container to be used for school. All medications must be brought directly to the health office by the parent, guardian, or a responsible adult designated in writing by the parent or guardian.

Medication will be administered to a student **ONLY** when:

- a. Failure to take the medication will jeopardize the health of the student, or,
- b. The student would not be able to attend school if the medication is not administered during school hours.

NO MEDICATION will be administered without a written doctor’s order and a written consent from the parent/guardian. *This includes inhalers and Epi-Pens.*

The **nurse** administers **all medications**. If you want your son/daughter to self-administer a medication such as an inhaler, written permission must be obtained from the child’s physician. Student may **not** carry any medication on their person. Students who have medications of any kind in their possession (in lunch boxes, school bags, etc.) may be considered in violation of the school district drug and alcohol policies and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to the above guidelines.