

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

The Louisiana State Legislature passed a law concerning medication administration in public schools. (R.S. 17:436, Act 87) The Lincoln Parish School Board adopted its Medication Guidelines to comply with this law.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL:

- will be limited to those which cannot be administered before or after school.
- must be transported to and from school by a parent or guardian (DO NOT SEND MEDICATION WITH YOUR CHILD) and you must check in at the school office.
- must have a MEDICATION FORM on file at school. This 2-sided form includes a MEDICATION ORDER from a LA, TX, AR, or MS licensed physician or dentist and a PARENTAL CONSENT. This form is available at schools and local physician's offices.
- must be in a pharmacy-approved container with a prescription label. This label should include a prescription number, child's name, name of medication, dosage and frequency, physician's name, date, and pharmacist's name.
- will be limited to a 35 day supply.
- must be in the correct dosage form. If a student is to receive a ½ pill, the pills should already be cut in half. A medication measuring spoon should accompany all liquids.
- must have the first dose given at home.
- No OTC (Over the Counter) medication will be given at school.
- No antibiotics will be given at school.
- If a parent or guardian brings medication to give to a child at school, they must first check in at the school office.
- It is the student's responsibility to remember to come to the office (or other appropriate designated location) to take their medications.

STUDENTS WITH TYPE I DIABETES (ALSO KNOWN AS INSULIN-DEPENDENT DIABETES):

Specific guidelines and requirements must be followed for diabetic students to be safe at school. These requirements are available at the school office or from the school nurse.

SELF-ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS:

- Student must be authorized by the prescribing healthcare provider.
- Medication requirements are the same as medications which are not self-administered (e.g. completed medication order, permission from parent, in a pharmacy-approved container with prescription label attached).
- Medications will be limited to inhalers and emergency medications for grades Pre-K through 6th grade. NO CONTROLLED OR SCHEDULED MEDICATIONS WILL BE SELF-ADMINISTERED.
- Students must demonstrate competence in self administration.
- Medication must be kept in a purse, pocket, or backpack, in the student's locked locker, or in the school office/special ed. classroom.
- Lincoln Parish School Board and its employees will not be held liable for students who self-administer medication.