



Medication Guidelines Platte County R3 Schools

- ▶ Written orders from a physician licensed to prescribe **and** written permission from the parent/guardian must be provided for any prescription medication to be given at school. (The pharmacy label on the medication may serve as the permission from the physician.) The information must include the name of the student, name of the medication, dosage to be administered, route of administration, and the time the medication is to be administered.
- ▶ All prescription medication **must** have the prescription label attached by the pharmacist/physician and must include on the container: child's name, name of medication, dosage of medication, route of administration, and physician's name. *This includes inhalers as well.*
- ▶ Medication that is ordered to be given twice or three times a day **should be given at home, not at school**. If the medication is ordered for a specific time, or is ordered four times or more a day it may be appropriate for the medication to be given at school.
- ▶ The Platte County R3 School District **requires parents** to bring in and pick up all medications, prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, inhalers (unless the child has the appropriate documentation to carry their own inhaler), and topical ointments. **NO medication will be sent home with a student.**
- ▶ ALL nonprescription, over-the-counter medication **must** be in the original container marked with the student's name and accompanied by parental permission to administer. Only the instructions on the package will be followed unless a physician provides alternative instructions. If a question would arise, the school nurse will have the right to refuse administration of the medication until further clarification is received and documented by the physician.
- ▶ **Any change in the time of administration or dosage of medication must be accompanied by a written request from the physician.** (*A new prescription label may serve as the new orders*)
- ▶ **It is the student's responsibility to come to the Health Room for medication administration.**
- ▶ Students may **not** carry **any** type of medication with them at school or store the medication in a locker (including a gym locker) unless special medical authorization is obtained. If it is necessary for the student to carry an inhaler with them, please see the school nurse so the physician and the parents may complete the proper forms.
- ▶ There is a specific form that must be completed by the parent(s) and student's physician for a student to carry an inhaler with them. This can be obtained from your school nurse, or on this website.