

# LETTER TO PARENTS ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

**TO:** Parents/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** School Health Clinic and Principal

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT:** Administration of Medication in School

As a school we understand that in order to be safe and able to benefit from the educational program, some students will need to take medicine at school. If your child must have medication of any type given during school hours, including over-the-counter drugs (depending on the school/district policy), you have the following choices:

- You may come to school and give the medication to your child at the appropriate time(s).
- You may obtain a copy of a medication form from the clinic staff or secretary. (One medication per form.) Take the Prescriber and Parent Request for the Administration of Medication at School to your child's health care provider and have it completed by listing the medication(s) needed, dosage, and number of times per day the medication is to be administered. The prescriber for both prescription and over-the-counter drugs (depending on school/district policy) must complete this form. The prescriber and the parent must sign the form. Prescription medicines must be brought to school in a pharmacy-labeled bottle which contains instructions on how and when the medication is to be given. Over-the-counter drugs must be received in the original, unopened container and will be administered according to the written instructions.
- You may discuss with your prescriber an alternative schedule for administering medication (e.g., outside of school hours).

School personnel will not administer any medication to students unless they have received a form properly completed and signed by the prescriber and the parent, and the medication has been received in an appropriately labeled container. In fairness to those giving the medication and to protect the safety of your child, there will be no exceptions to this policy.

If you have questions about the policy, or other issues related to the administration of medication in the school, please contact the clinic staff at the following number:

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Thank you for your cooperation.