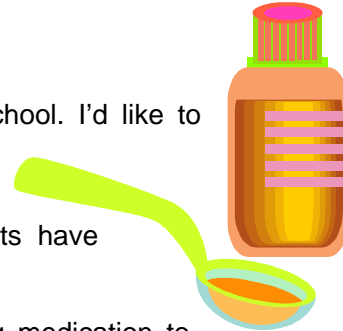


Guidelines for Medication at School

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Along with the flu, we are starting to see Strep Throat at school. I'd like to remind parents about our District-wide medication policy.

The Issaquah School District has a medication administration policy that is based on **state law**. All public school districts have medication policies.



This is a summary of the **legal guidelines** for schools giving medication to students during the school day. Parents are expected to know this policy before medications are brought in. Please call me at Newcastle on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning 425-837-5808 or at Apollo Wednesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday 425-837-7543 if you have questions.

If your child needs to take medication at school, the correct forms must be completed. They may be obtained from the school office or online at www.issaquah.wednet.edu. Please read the detailed instructions on the forms.

- For ***any*** medication, prescription or over-the-counter, A **Medication Administration Form** must be filled out and signed by both the **Physician** and the **parent**. Each medication requires a separate form.
 - **Common medications sent to school are over-the counter pain medications, inhalers and cough drops. Even cough drops count as a medication.**
 - **School staff can only administer oral medications. Eye, nose and ear drops cannot be done at school unless your student can self-administer them.**
- Medications such as inhalers can be self-administered by your child if they are old enough to know when and how to use them. In this case, you and your doctor will indicate on the **Medication Administration Form** that this is permissible.
- All medication, whether prescription or over the counter, **must be supplied in the original container**. When you fill a prescription that must be given during the school day, request an extra bottle from the pharmacy. **Medication brought in to school in anything other than the correct container will not be given to students by school staff.**
- All medications must be **brought to/picked up from school by an adult**. This is a safety issue. Students should not be carrying any medication other than inhalers or Epi-Pens.

These guidelines assure that medication given during the school day is done safely, accurately and legally. They are designed to protect your child and the staff caring for them from potentially dangerous medication errors. Please save these guidelines for future reference.

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