

HEALTH ROOM POLICIES

Policies regarding health issues and the use of the Health Room

*****Drugs/Medications/Inhalers are not permitted in school unless prescribed by a doctor.*****

1. All medications must be brought to school by the parent/guardian or responsible **ADULT** and handed to the school nurse or office staff.
2. Medications must be in a properly labeled container from a pharmacy.
3. A medical authorization form signed by the doctor **AND** the parent/guardian must be on file in the health room. This is a policy mandated by the State of Connecticut and includes over-the-counter medications, such as Tylenol, as well as prescriptions. Over-the-counter medications must be in the original container.
4. A parent/guardian may bring in and administer any medication to his/her child in the school health room at any time.

PLEASE NOTE:

- If your child is ill and will not be attending school, please call the school by **9:15 A.M.** If we do not hear from you, it is our policy to call parents/guardians to confirm absences. Calls will be made in the morning to homes, places of business, or people listed on your emergency card who may know of the parents/guardians whereabouts. This policy is in place for the safety of your child to confirm that children who left for school arrived here safely.
- When you call the school, please give a specific reason for your child's absence. This will help me track communicable illnesses, such as Strep Throat and Chicken Pox, and notify other parents if necessary.
- Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if he/she is sick. If your child was vomiting during the night, keep him/her home to make sure the illness is over. If your child has been running a fever, please make sure he/she is fever-free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** fever-reducing medication, before allowing him/her to return to school. Remember that children cannot concentrate and learn if they are not feeling well. Sick children can also infect other students and staff in the classroom.
- Be sure to update me during the school year with any changes to your emergency card. It is important that I am able to locate a parent/guardian or designated adult in the event that a child is ill or injured at school.