



Name of student: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Medical treatment is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and an authorized health care provider. An authorized health care provider is an individual who is licensed by the State of California to prescribe medication. **Both prescription and over the counter medication** may be given at school when it is deemed absolutely necessary by the authorized health care provider that the medications be given during school hours. **The parent/guardian is urged, with the help of your child's authorized health care provider, to work out a schedule of giving medication at home whenever possible.**

California Education Code, Section 49423 allows school personnel to assist in carrying out an authorized health care provider's written orders. Designated non-medical school personnel may be assisting with your child's medication. They will be trained and supervised by credentialed school nurses. Medication will be safely stored and locked or refrigerated, if required.

Emergency medicine such as EpiPens or inhalers **may be carried by the student when recommended by an authorized health care provider and parent.** When appropriate, the school nurse will evaluate the student's ability to safely self-administer the medication based on written district guidelines (Title 5). Back-up medication should be kept in the health office for emergency use. Students who have a serious medical condition (diabetes, epilepsy, etc.) should have an emergency supply of their prescription medication at school with the appropriate consent forms in the event of a disaster.

If medication is to be administered at school, all of the following conditions must be met:

1. A written statement signed and stamped by the licensed authorized health care provider/dentist specifying the reason for the medication, the name, dosage, time, route and specific instructions for emergency treatment must be on file at school.
2. A signed request from the parent/guardian must be on file at school.
3. Medication must be delivered to the school by the parent/guardian or other responsible adult.
4. Prescription medication must be in your child's original pharmacy container and labeled in English.
5. Over the counter medication that has been prescribed by an authorized health care provider must be in its original container.
6. All liquid medication must be accompanied by an appropriate measuring device.
7. Any tablets requiring partial doses (1/2 or 1/4) must be sent to school already cut.
8. A separate form is required for each medication.

Note: Please discuss your authorized health care provider's instructions with your child, so that he/she is aware of the time medication is due at school.

Whenever there is a change in medication, dose, time, or route, the parent/guardian and authorized health care provider must complete a new form.

THIS REQUEST IS VALID ONLY FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR