



## Medication Alert

We are a DRUG free campus. If your child needs to take medications at school (for him/her to be able to attend school without jeopardizing his/her health) certain procedures need to be followed. This pertains to both prescription medications and "over the counter" medications. Sunscreen, Chap Stick, cough drops, hand lotions or body creams and non medicated eye/contact solutions are exempt from this; however, they are not to be shared among students.

We use the San Bernardino County Medication form. It is available on line at <http://www.lewiscenter.org/AAC/Nurses-Corner/Ready-for-school/index.html> as well as in the schools' offices (remember to print both sides). This form must be completed for all medications and signed by the physician and you, the parent or guardian, and student if an inhaler for asthma or Epipen for allergies are self carried. Although this is not recommended for students in elementary school, it will be allowed if ordered by the physician as stated in a CA law passed January 2005.

Additionally the following applies:

- All medication must be in the original prescription container or as sold over the counter by the manufacturer. Most pharmacies will provide an extra prescription bottle for medications brought to school. Remember to send both (2) Epipens if ordered.
- Parents/guardians of elementary students are responsible for bringing medication to school and taking it home at the end of the year (unless discontinued earlier).
- Unless the student is given permission to self carry medication by a physician and you, all medications will be kept in a locked area and dispensed by medically untrained school personnel. If this is not acceptable to you, then you or your designee may come to the school and give the medication (CA Education Code 49423)
- School personnel will give only prescribed doses at prescribed intervals. They will not cut or break medications if the pill comes in a larger dose. Please inform your pharmacist and doctor of this.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding medications please call 760-946-5414 Ext 298 after 28 July 2016 and leave a message; There will be no replies over summer break.