

Medications to be Administered at School

If your child requires medication (prescription or over-the-counter, daily or for a short period of time) to be administered by the nurse during the school day, print out a copy of the “Medication Authorization Form” provided at the top of this Health Clinic page (above). Physician orders and parent/guardian signed authorization are required for medication to be given at school and must be on file with the school nurse before medication can be accepted or administered. Medication must be kept in the school clinic or other school approved location during the school day. The first dose of any new medication must be given at home so the parent can note if any allergic reaction to the medication is suffered by their child.

All prescription medications must be in their original containers (with the pharmacy label on the container), and all information on the physician's medication order and the pharmacy label must match with respect to the child's name, and dose and frequency information. **This includes inhalers used for asthma.**

All over-the-counter (OTC) medications must be in their original container with the name of the medication visible. Parents should label OTC medication with the student's name, exact dose to be administered and the frequency or time interval to be given. Please note that in accordance with the Office of Catholic Schools “Policies and Guidelines” revised 2012, “With written parent authorization, over-the-counter (OTC) medications may be given at school on a limited basis, **not to exceed three (3) consecutive days. Any OTC medication required for four (4) or more consecutive days will require a written LHCP [Licensed Health Care Practitioner] order.**” (Emphasis added)

Medication must always be transported to and from school by a parent or guardian. Students must **never** bring medication into school due to the safety risk posed to all students by this practice.