## **Medications**

Connecticut State Law requires that students who receive medication in school have a written medication authorization form (prescription and over the counter) on file at school. The medication authorization form must be completed by the health care provider and signed by the parent/guardian. All medication authorization forms must be renewed at the beginning of each school year (annually). Any change in the medication order will require a new written medication authorization form. Students cannot have any medications in school without authorization from the nurse and an adult must bring all medications to the school nurse. Do not send any Medication (prescription and over the counter) in their backpacks.

All medications administered in school must be:

- 1. Brought to school by parent/guardian or responsible adult.
- In the original pharmacy container with name of student, healthcare provider, medication name, and dosage.
- 3. Given to school nurse.
- 4. In the absence of the school nurse, a principal may accept medication. However, the school nurse must review all forms and pharmacy containers before medication can be given. You will be contacted if all requirements have not been met.
- 5. Accompanied by a signed medication authorization form from physician/dentist, advanced practice nurse, or physician's assistant with time to be taken, reason, and duration.
- 6. Parent/guardian signature on medication authorization form.
- 7. The first dose of medication must be given at home. The school nurse will not administer medication in school for the first time.
- 8. If your child requires Tylenol, Motrin, or Tums you need to complete the following form: Admistration of Tylenol, Motrin, and/or Tums

No more than a 3-month supply (90 days) will be accepted. Any unused medication must be picked up by a parent or responsible adult before the last day of school or it will be destroyed. All conditions must be met in order to ensure the safety and well-being of your child. You can, of course, come to school and administer the medication yourself.

Also, it is very helpful for the school nurse to have knowledge of any medications given to your child at home on a regular basis. Medications used to treat ADHD, depression, anxiety, insomnia, allergies etc. may cause side effects which could cause your child to seek comfort in the nurse's office or that their health care provider should know about. Please keep the nurse up to date regarding any medications taken at home.

You may call the Nurse at your child's school if you have questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Medication Forms:

Medication Administration Form

Seizure Action Plan

Asthma Action Plan

Allergy Action Plan