



PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

District Medication Policy

Our medication policy continues to encourage parents to administer all medications at home. However, it is recognized that children with chronic illnesses, specific disabilities and special needs may require medication during the school day, and we are interested in meeting these needs in the highest professional manner.

The following rules must be followed:

- Medication will be dispensed to your child by the school nurse.
- At no time may a student carry/self-administer any medication unless there is a life-threatening circumstance and permission is granted in writing by your child's physician and you.
- Students must have a written order from the doctor stating that the medication must be given at school. This includes over the counter medication. Written permission from the parent needs to accompany the physician's statement.
- **Medication orders must be renewed at the beginning of every school year. Participation in after school activities or attending field trips will be denied if the student needs medication and orders are not on file with the school nurse.**
- The medication must be in the original container and clearly labeled by the pharmacist with the student's name, the medication (check to make sure it has not expired), the dosage, and the time to be given. All over the counter medications must be in the original container.
- The medication must be given to the school nurse by a parent/guardian and will be stored in the nurse's office.
- Students with asthma, serious allergic reactions or diabetes are required by state law to have action plans completed **every school year**. If your child no longer requires asthma medication at school, a doctor's note is needed stating that information.
- The state of NJ requires that a trained delegate be available for any student who may need an epi-pen or glucagon when the school nurse is not available. Please have your doctor complete those forms **every school year**.
- Students who have doctor's orders to carry/self-administer their inhalers/epi-pens should have one in the nurse's office and carry one at all times.

This policy is consistent with the standards and practices of nursing, the policy of our school system, and the statutes of the State of New Jersey. Most importantly this policy is a safety precaution for the well-being of your child.

Thank you for your cooperation.