



STUDENT MEDICATION POLICY/STATE IC CODES

The school nurse shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of FDA approved medication or treatments to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student or when h/she would not be able to attend school if the medication or treatment were not made available during school hours. Before any medication or treatment may be administered to any student during school hours, a written authorization from a Parent/Guardian for over-the-counter medications and from a Physician and Parent/Guardian for prescription medications must be on file at the school. The school staff may administer only FDA approved medication or treatments.

1. All prescriptions and over-the-counter (OTC) medications must be kept in the school office, unless a student has authorized permission to possess and self-administer the medication according to IC 20-8.1-5.1-7.5
2. Written instructions from the Parents/Guardians are required for all prescription and OTC medication. The instructions must include: name of medication, reason for medication, amount to administer, and time to be given. (OTC medication must be in age appropriate dosages as per product label)
3. Prescription and OTC medication must be in the original container affixed with a current pharmacy or package label.
4. Medication ordered three times a day or less should be given before and after school or at bedtime. Prescription medication with a specific time listed that is during school hours will be given as directed.
5. As directed in IC 20-8.1-7-22, **No medication of any type may be sent home with a student in grades K-8.** Medication must be picked up in the school office and will be released only to the student's parents or an individual who is at least 18 years old with written designation from the Parent/Guardian. **MEDICATION MAY BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.**