

## Policy on Medications in School

### Over-the-Counter Medication

The School Nurses may administer acetaminophen, ibuprofen, tums or benadryl to your son, as needed, during school hours with written permission from the parent. A signature authorizing this medication is requested annually on the Health History and Permission Form.

Boys are not allowed to carry over-the-counter medications in school. Should they require over-the-counter medicine that is not available in the School Health Office, please contact the School Nurses at ext. 1994 or ext.1234 to make appropriate arrangements.

### Prescription Medication

Should your son require prescription medication during school hours, please contact the School Nurses at x1234 or x1994 so that we can discuss your son's health care needs. Medication to be given on a regular or "as needed" basis requires a prescription from your son's physician each academic year. Please ask your son's doctor to complete the Physician Order for Prescription Medication in School Form. This form is necessary for *EpiPens* and inhalers, as well as all other prescription medication.

Please provide prescription medications to the School Nurses prior to the first day of school each year. The medicine must be in the original container. Medications for an acute illness, such as an oral or topical antibiotic, can be returned home on a daily basis if needed. Otherwise, medications should be picked up by the parent at the end of each school year.

### Emergency Medications

In some cases, it is appropriate to keep medications such as *EpiPens* and Inhalers with the Athletic Trainers for access after school hours. It may also be appropriate for some boys to carry life-saving medications with them during the school day. We require the physician's permission as well as permission from our School Nurses in order for boys to safely carry and administer prescription medication. Please speak with your son's doctor about these situations.