

Van Wert City Schools/Lifelinks
205 W. Crawford St.
Van Wert, OH 45891

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our school medication policy states that school personnel are not permitted to dispense medication without the written authority of a doctor. In the past, we have given nonprescription medication with parental consent. Because of school policy, we will no longer do this.

The effects of most nonprescription medications last up to six hours. This means your child can take the medication right before and after school. If you believe this will not work for your child's situation, you may use the enclosed form or obtain an authorization form from the school office for your physician to fill out. As always, you are welcome to bring the medication to school and give it yourself.

State law requires that any nonprescription medications given at school must be in the original container. Prescription medication must also be kept in the labeled bottle with the label matching the instructions from the physician. The pharmacy can provide you with an extra bottle. State law also requires that we receive new authorization forms each new school year.

*Authorizations needed would also include inhalers for asthma, bee sting kits, Epi-pens for allergies, and Insulin for diabetic students

All medications for students will be kept in the school office, unless previously discussed with school nurse and notation made on medication log/authorization form.

Following our medication policy is not meant to make things more difficult for you but to ensure that we are maintaining safe health care procedures throughout our school system.

We also need parent and physician authorization for medical procedures to be done during school hours, such as G-tube feedings, suctioning, catheterizations, etc. You may use the same forms to obtain the needed orders and signatures.

Sincerely

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