

Medication Policy Revisions

The T/E Medication Policy was revised on Jan 24, 2011 to align with Federal and State laws and nurse licensing standards of practice. The Student Medication Policy and Regulations #5406 are published on the T/E District website.

Briefly, The Changes Are:

1. A “medication” is considered any drug that is prescribed, over the counter, homeopathic, herbal, research, or investigational.
2. In order to give any medication the nurse must have –
 - A written parent request.
 - A licensed prescriber’s order to administer (not the label on the medication bottle). **Even on Short Term Meds.**
 - The licensed prescriber’s order may have an original signature or electronic signature.
 - The licensed prescriber’s order may hand delivered, mailed, faxed, or electronic, but must include complete information for administering.
 - Verbal orders from a licensed prescriber may be accepted by the school nurse for a brief period until a written order can be supplied.
3. All medications must be delivered to the nurse’s office by parents or guardians. **The amount delivered should be documented on the back of the “Student Medication Administration Record”, and signed by both nurse and parent or guardian.**
4. As before, all medication must be delivered in the original pharmacy container.
5. Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, and Benadryl in non-prescription strength may be given with parent permission on the emergency card because the school MD has provided standing orders.
6. Students may carry emergency medication for allergies and asthma after filing with the nurse a “Request for Self Administration of Emergency Medication” form signed by both physician and parent.
7. Field Trip Medications –
 - **A physicians order to administer must accompany the medication (not the label on the bottle).**
 - A parent note to administer must accompany the medication.
 - The medication must be in the original pharmacy container or package.
 - Students may carry emergency allergy and asthma medications.