

MEDICATION

Indiana state law (I.C. 34-4-16.5-3.5) mandates that neither prescription medications nor over-the-counter medications (such as aspirin and cough drops) may be dispensed by school personnel unless written permission has been granted by the student's parent/guardian or physician. This means that students may not carry any medication or pills. All medication must be brought to the Student Services/Nurses office and will be dispensed from there. School personnel (school nurse, secretaries, or administration) may administer medication when the following directions are observed:

1. Written permission is given from the student's parent/guardian AND physician for prescription medication. The pharmacy label can serve as the written consent of the physician.
2. Written permission is given from the student's parent/guardian for non-prescription (over-the-counter) medications.
3. All medication shall be sent to Pupil Services/Nurses office and kept in the original container bearing the student's name, the name of the medication, the direction for use, and the doctor's name.
4. Medications may not be taken home by high school students unless prior parental permission has been received.
5. Please be advised that a failure to follow this policy shall result in disciplinary action. An exception to this restriction involves students with acute medical conditions that require them to possess and to self-administer their medications. In this instance, written permission from parent and physician is required.