

## **Medication Policy**

### **Secondary**

Medications for secondary students are handled differently from elementary students.

#### **Middle School ( 7- 8 )**

Seventh and eighth grade students may assume responsibility for bringing to school and administering their own medication providing they carry only enough for one day and have the "Permission to Self-Carry and Self-Admin Medication" form **on file in the school office**. Students using poor judgment in carrying and taking their own medication will have such medication confiscated by school personnel, and parents or guardian will be notified. A structured plan will then be developed for the administration of the medication. Any parent or guardian who chooses not to sign the permission to carry medication form may request that a structured plan be devised for his or her student.

#### **High School ( 9 - 12 )**

High school students may assume the responsibility of bringing to school and administering their own medication, providing they carry only enough for one day. Students who appear to be using poor judgment in carrying and taking their own medication will have such medication confiscated by school personnel, and parents or guardian will be notified. A structured plan will then be developed for the administration of medication. Any parent may also request that a structured plan be devised for their student. On an overnight field trip, students may bring enough medication for the duration of the field trip.

#### **Over-the-counter Medications**

Students at the secondary level may carry over the counter medications such as acetaminophen, cold preparations, or vitamins, but should carry only a one day supply as per above policy. A permission to carry form is not required for these products.

Students who have emergency medication for life threatening health conditions should report to the office that they carry such medications in the event that an emergency renders them unable to respond as planned. The school nurse will contact such students to work out an emergency plan for the administration of this medication.