

To be distributed to parents/guardians annually and to new families at registration

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

SCHOOL MEDICATION PROCEDURES

Parents/guardians have the primary responsibility for the administration of medication to their children. The administration of medication to students during regular school hours and during school related activities is discouraged unless necessary for the critical health and well being of the student. Teachers, administrator and administrative staff shall not administer medication to students except as provided in these School Medication Procedures.

Procedures

1. Administration. No school personnel shall administer any prescription or non-prescription medicine unless the School has the student's current and complete **Medication Authorization Form** approved and signed by the School Principal.

A **Medication Authorization Form** is distributed for each student at the beginning of each school year or enrollment of a new student during the year. A copy of the **Medication Authorization Form** is attached. **Medication Authorization Forms** are available in the school office.

The School retains the right to deny requests to administer medication to the students provided that such denial is indicated on the **Medication Authorization Form**. If the School denies a request and authorization for the administration of medication, parents/guardians must make other arrangements for the administration of medication to students, such as arranging for medication to be administered before or after school or having the parent/guardian or designee administer the medication in school.

2. Self-Administration. A student may self-administer medication at school if so ordered by his or her licensed prescriber per the student's current and completed Medication Authorization Form. Students who suffer from asthma, allergies or other conditions that require the immediate use of medication shall be permitted to carry such medication and to self-administer such medication without supervision by school personnel only if the School has on file for the student a current and completed **Medication Authorization Form**. Otherwise, such medication must be stored in a locked cabinet under the control of the School and the self-administration of medication shall be under the supervision of the School.

3. Appropriate Containers. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide the School with all medication in appropriate containers that are:

- a. Prescription-labeled by a pharmacy or licensed prescriber (displaying Rx number, student name, medication, dosage, direction for administration, date and refill schedule, pharmacy label, and name/initials of pharmacist) or
- b. Manufacturer-labeled for non-prescription over-the-counter medication.

4. Storage of Medication. Medication received by the School in accordance with a completed Medication Authorization Form and in an appropriate container shall be stored in a locked cabinet. Access to the locked cabinet shall be limited to the School Principal, his/her designees, and the school nurse (if applicable).

Medication requiring refrigeration shall be stored in a refrigerator that cannot be accessed by students and shall be kept separate from food items.

At the end of the school year, or the end of the treatment regime, the student's parent/ guardian will be responsible for removing any unused medication from the school. If the parent/guardian does not pick up the medication by the end of the school year, the School will appropriately discard the medication.

A copy of SCHOOL MEDICATION PROCEDURES for yearly distribution to parents/guardians follows the Handbook for School Administrators topic on School Medication Procedures.