



PITT COUNTY — SCHOOLS —

Dear Parent and Physician:

The Pitt County Board of Education's Administration of Medication Policy 6125 was developed to protect the safety and welfare of our students. The policy emphasizes that students take required medications prior to or after school hours. For those few medications, which need to be administered during school hours, Board policy requires completion of this **Authorization for Medication** form each school year and every time there is a change in medication dosage or time and frequency of administration.

Pitt County Schools defines medication to mean "any prescription or over-the-counter medication or supplement, which the medical care source deems essential to be administered during school hours." The **Authorization for Medication** form is required for both short-term and long-term prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. It needs to be signed by the physician and the parent specifying the dosage, time and frequency of medication. The parent always has the option to come to school and administer the medication.

For students in grades K-8, all medications must be transported to school in the original container by the parent/guardian and administered by school personnel. For parents' convenience, it may be helpful to ask the pharmacist to label two containers, one for home and one for school. The only exception is that with prior documentation on the **Authorization for Medication** form students, who have permission to self-medicate, may carry rescue medications such as asthma inhalers, epi-pens or insulin.

High school students (grades 9-12) may transport and administer some of their own medications. Class 2 Controlled Substances shall be transported to and from school by parent/guardian for high school students and administered by school personnel. (Examples: Ritalin, Oxycontin, Percocet, Adderall, Concerta) In all cases of medication at school, prior proper documentation on the **Authorization for Medication** form including a physician's consent if a student can self-medicate shall be filed in the principal's/designee's office.

Two important points to remember are:

- Parents are responsible for informing the school principal of any serious changes in the student's health or any change in the medication to be administered. Changes in medication, including altered dosage and changes in time and frequency of administration, require authorization from the prescribing physician on an **Authorization for Medication** form.
- It is a privilege for students to be allowed to self-medicate during school hours. Abuse of this privilege shall result in its revocation.

Thank you for your assistance in providing the necessary documentation and care for our students. We share your concern for their health and safety as well as their academic success.

Sincerely,
Pitt County Schools

**PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS
AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATION**

TO BE COMPLETED BY PHYSICIAN/MEDICAL PROVIDER

Date: _____

Name of Student _____

DOB: _____ School: _____

It is necessary that medication be given during school hours in order to keep this student in optimum health and to help maintain school performance.

Medication _____ Dosage/mg _____ Route _____

Time(s) medication is to be given at SCHOOL _____

***Providers please note that "lunch time" can vary from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm**

***If medication is ordered as needed, please indicate specific circumstances when medication should be given (School staff, not licensed medical or nursing personnel, will be administering medication):**

For K-12 students authorized to carry and administer rescue medications such as asthma inhalers, epi-pens or insulin or high school students authorized to carry and administer medication, with the exception of Class 2 controlled substances such as Ritalin, Oxycontin, Percocet, Adderall, Concerta, please check the appropriate box.

May self-medicate (student has demonstrated proficient use of medication).

May not self-medicate.

Medical Provider's Signature

Telephone Number

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT

I hereby give permission for my child, _____ to receive medication during school hours. This medication has been prescribed by a licensed physician. I hereby release the Pitt County Board of Education and their agents and employees from any and all liability that may result from my child taking the medication.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Telephone Number

Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AUTHORIZED TO SELF-MEDICATE

I understand that it is a privilege for students to be allowed to self-medicate during school hours. Abuse of this privilege shall result in its revocation.

Signature of Student

Date