



Marion Central School Elementary School

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Medication Information for Parents

Dear Parent or Guardian,

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Students needing to take medication during the school day are required to have a written order from the prescribing Health Care Provider indicating the name of the medication, dosage, directions for administration and condition for which it is being given. Parent's permission in writing must accompany a physician/NP/PA request. This applies to **ALL** medications: prescriptions and non-prescription medication, long term and short term medication. (The pharmacy label does not constitute a written order and cannot be used in place of a written order from a licensed prescriber.). Available over the counter forms may be obtained from the School Health Office.

The medication should be delivered directly to the Health Office in a properly labeled original container; when necessary parents should ask the pharmacist for two containers – one to remain at home and one for school. Medication should be brought to school by a parent or a responsible adult; **medication should not be sent to school with students.** Medications must be properly labeled with the student's name, name of medication, Health Care Provider's name and directions for administration. Parents are to report immediately to the school any change in the course of treatment or medication.

All over-the-counter medicine, as well as prescription medicine, must be ordered by your Health Care Provider. The order must be specific for the "diagnosis/reason" for giving the medicine. For example, Tylenol 325 mg. every 4 hours as needed will not be accepted; there needs to be the specific reason for the use of the Tylenol. Also, the length of time the order will be in affect must be stated in writing.

Self-Carry and Use of Medications

If your child's healthcare provider decides your child can carry and use their diabetes, asthma, or epinephrine auto-injector medication independently they must put in writing (attest) that your child can do so safely. Your permission is also required. We can provide the attestation form upon request.

Asthma Medicines

If your child uses a nebulizer, please ask your healthcare provider about ordering metered-dose inhaler (MDI) and a valved-holding chamber (spacer) which helps all the asthma medicine get into the lungs for use at school. For many people MDI's and valved-holding chambers work as well as nebulizers and are portable for use wherever a student needs them. For children under age 5 years, a mask can be attached to help the child use the spacer or chamber correctly. Collapsible models are available and may be easier to fit and carry in a handbag or backpack.



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Emergency Care Plans and Asthma Action Plans (ECP's)

Emergency Care Plans help school staff safely care for your children. If your health care provider writes medication orders for life-threatening allergies, asthma, and seizure disorders on the ECP a separate medication form is not needed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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