



Medicine at School

Medication that must be administered to a student during school hours must be provided by the student's parent. All medication, whether prescription or nonprescription, must be kept in the nurse's office and administered by the nurse or another authorized district employee, unless the student is authorized to possess his or her own medication because of asthma or a severe allergy as described below or as otherwise allowed by law.

The district will not purchase nonprescription medication to give to a student. District employees will not give a student prescription medication, nonprescription medication, herbal substances, anabolic steroids, or dietary supplements, with the following exceptions:

Only authorized employees, in accordance with policy FFAC, may administer:

- Prescription and non-prescription medication must be in the original container properly labeled with child's name and accompanied by a written request, signed by the parent or guardian giving permission for the school to administer the medication along with directions for dosage and time that the medication should be administered.
- Prescription medication from a properly labeled unit dosage container filled by a registered nurse or another qualified district employee from the original, properly labeled container.
- Nonprescription medication, in the original, properly labeled container, provided by the parent along with a written request. **Note:** Insect repellent is considered a nonprescription medication.
- Herbal or dietary supplements provided by the parent only if required by the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan for a student with disabilities.
- Gustine ISD will not administer expired medications.

Students may be allowed to carry and self-administer medications prescribed for these conditions when a completed asthma, severe allergy, or diabetic management and treatment plan is received. These plans are available through the school nurse. These plans will include a written request and signature from **both the parent and the prescribing physician** stating it is medically necessary for the student to have medication prescribed for asthma, anaphylaxis or diabetes management available for immediate administration.

- The parent and the physician's written request is valid for one school year and must be renewed at the beginning of each school year.
- The student must demonstrate the ability to properly self-administer the medication and express understanding of safety factors and the responsibility related to carrying medication.

- The student must carry the inhaler or emergency medication in the **properly labeled** original container.

Students whose schedules provide for regular time spent outdoors, including for recess and physical education classes, should apply sunscreen before coming to school.

For students at the elementary level, the student's teacher or other district personnel will apply sunscreen to a student's exposed skin if the student brings the sunscreen to school and requests assistance with the application of the sunscreen. Nothing prohibits a student at this level from applying his or her own sunscreen if the student is able to do so.

For students at the secondary level, a student may possess and apply sunscreen when necessary. If the student will need assistance with this application, please address the need for assistance with the school nurse.

Whether a student is at the elementary or secondary level, if sunscreen needs to be administered to treat any type of medical condition, this should be handled through communication with the school nurse so that the district is made aware of any safety and medical issues.