

Rainier School District Medication Policy

Medication Administration by School Personnel

- Medication administration at school should only be considered when it is medically necessary for the student to remain in school.
- Parental consent is required except where a student is allowed to access medical care without parental consent per Oregon law.
 - Age 15 for any medical or dental care-(ORS 109.640)
 - Age 14 for mental health care-(ORS 109.675)
 - Any age for birth control information or services or sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment-(ORS 109.610)
- All medications must be transported to and from the school by the parent or legal guardian. Students may transport medications only if they are of the age of self consent per Oregon law.
- All medications must be unexpired and in original packaging with the student's name.
- All changes to medication administration must be made in writing.
- All medications for asthma, anaphylaxis, seizures, diabetes and any other rescue medication must also have a written treatment plan signed by an Oregon licensed provider.
- Nonprescription Medications:
 - The *Authorization for Medication Administration by Designated School Personnel* form must be completely filled out and signed.
 - If the written instruction is not consistent with the manufacturer's guidelines for the nonprescription medication, a written order from an Oregon licensed prescriber allowing the inconsistent administration is required.
 - For nonprescription medication that is not approved by the FDA as a medication (example: melatonin and lactaid), a written order from an Oregon licensed prescriber is required that includes the name of the student, name of the medication, dosage, method of administration, frequency of administration, special instructions, reason why the substance is necessary for the student to remain in school and the prescriber signature.
- Prescription Medication:
 - The *Authorization for Medication Administration by Designated School Personnel* form must be completely filled out and signed. (This must match the prescriber's order).
 - The medication must be prescribed by a provider licensed to practice in the State of Oregon. (Physician, Physician Assistant, Dentist, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with prescriptive authority, Optometrist, Naturopathic Physician, or Pharmacist)
 - The medication must be prepared and labeled by a registered U.S. Pharmacist under the direction of the Oregon licensed prescriber.
 - The written prescriber's order must include (pharmacy label on bottle is sufficient if it includes all of the following): Student's name, medication name, route of administration, dosage and frequency.
- Medication shall not be administered until the necessary written permission form and written instructions have been submitted as required by the district.
- Parents are required to pick up all unused medication by the last day of school. All medication left at school will be discarded.
- If a student refuses medication, the parent will be notified immediately.
- Any error in medication administration will be reported to the parent immediately and documented on the district's Accident Report form. Errors include, but are not limited to, giving wrong medication, dose, time, route, etc.
- Students who are developmentally and behaviorally able will be allowed to self administer medications following the criteria on the self medication contract. Please see the *Self Medication Agreement* for details.