

THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOLS PROCEDURE FOR TAKING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

When it is essential to a child's health that medications be taken during school hours:

1. The medicine must be prescribed by the child's physician and accompanied by a special medication permit or doctor's prescription to be given to the school nurse. A parent or legal guardian must sign a permission slip in the nurses' office.
2. Prescription drugs must be in the **original pharmacy container**, labeled with the physician's name, the child's name, date, medication, dose, time to be taken at school and date to be discontinued. (The parent may request the pharmacist to prepare a special container for school use.)
3. Whenever possible, the parent is asked to bring the medicine to the nurse. If this is impractical the parent may send the medication in a sealed envelope with the child.
4. Medication will be administered in the presence of the nurse, or in her absence, by the person designated by the principal.
5. Certain health problems demand that the child develop an understanding of his/her medical condition and learn to assume responsibility for self-management of medication. In these cases it is recommended that the child's doctor send written notification to the nurse so she knows what medication the child is taking and when it should be taken during the school day.

NOTE: Within three (3) days after the end of the authorized medication period or at the end of the school year, excess medication supplies may be picked up by the person who authorized the school nurse to administer the medication to a student. **Excess medication supplies not picked up shall be destroyed.**

Thatcher Unified School District Nurse's Office