

DRRHS Medication Policy

Dear Parents,

Please read this communication and keep it handy so you can refer to it should the need arise.

MEDICATION:

1. **NO** “over the counter” medications will be given without a doctors order.
2. **All medication must** be kept in the Nurse’s Office.
3. **Only medication ordered by your doctor** will be given.
4. **Long Term Prescription Drugs** will be dispensed only by the school nurse. Return the parent’s consent form and the doctor’s written order form in order for the medication to be given.
5. **Short Term Prescription Drugs** need only parent’s written permission and medication in the original prescription container (for example antibiotics).
6. **ALL MEDICATION MUST BE IN THE ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION CONTAINER OR IT WILL NOT BE GIVEN.**
7. Some pharmacies will provide an extra container for school use upon request.
8. **Parents must bring the medication to the nurse** – medication is not to be brought in by the students.

REPORTING ILLNESS:

If your child is ill with a contagious illness/disease, notify the school nurse.

Strep Infections, Conjunctivitis and a Diagnosis of Chickenpox: require a doctor’s note to return to school. **The diagnosis must be written on the note.**

FEVER:

If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or higher, it is **advisable** that he/she remain at home until the child is fever-free for a period of 24 hours, without taking fever reducing medication.

IMMUNIZATIONS:

If your child receives any type of immunization booster, please make certain the nurse is notified in writing with a note specifying date and type of immunization signed by the doctor.

***** School Health Policy for exclusion from school due to incomplete immunization for medical and religious reasons:**

If a student who is not fully immunized is exposed to a diagnosed case of a vaccine preventable disease, he/she will be excluded from school according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Regulations. The most common diseases include, but are not limited to the following: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Chickenpox and Pertussis. As soon as a physician confirms the diagnosis, the parent will be notified. Specifics regarding the time of exclusion vary with each illness and will be explained when pertinent.

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