



# NORTHEASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## ATTENTION MEDICATION POLICY ACCORDING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Northeastern School District recognizes that parents have the responsibility for the health of their children. The administration of prescription and over-the-counter medication, during school hours, is permitted only when failure to take such medication would jeopardize the health and safety of the child. Due to the ever-increasing number of students requesting medication to be taken during school hours, the following changes have been made to the medication policy.

When a medication is ordered for three times a day or less, all doses should be taken at home unless specifically ordered by a physician for use during school hours. ANY medication, prescription or over-the-counter (including Tylenol, ibuprofen, cough drops), that will be taken at school will need **both written parental and physician permission.** When visiting the doctor and medication is prescribed, ask the doctor for a note for the school. A doctor's note can also be faxed to your child's school. Contact your child's school nurse for this number. This can be attached to the school form. Forms are available from your child's school nurse.

*ALL* medication must be brought to school in an **original container.** The nurse will not accept medication in any other type of container. All containers must include the student's name, name of the medication, amount to be given and time or interval between doses. When getting a prescription filled, ask the pharmacist for a second labeled bottle for the school. Send **only enough medication** to be taken at school. **Never** send the full prescription.

The administration and school nurses realize that these procedures may be inconvenient, but it is for the protection of all the students. We are asking for your cooperation and understanding in complying with these procedures. Please contact the school nurse if you have any questions.

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100% of our students will graduate and be fully prepared for a post-secondary education.*