

Methow Valley School District Medications at school

According to Washington State law, students may receive medications at school under very specific conditions (RCW 28A.210.260.270). School personnel are unable to give your child medication until all of the requirements below are met:

- 1. Only medications given by mouth** may be administered by school staff. Eye drops, ear drops, lotions, salves, ointments cannot be administered by school staff. No medication requiring injection shall be administered by school personnel except in certain circumstances determined by the physician, school nurse and parent/guardian. Contact your school nurse if non-oral medications are needed during school hours.
- 2. Medication must be delivered to school by the student's parent/guardian or other responsible adult.** Please allow time for school staff to count pills/capsules with you, when you deliver them to school. If you want school staff to give pills that are cut in half, parents must cut them prior to delivering medication to staff.
- 3. A medication authorization form must be completed** before any medication can be given by school staff. A form must be **completed for all medications, including over-the-counter medications** such as aspirin, cough drops, cold medicines, etc. This form is available on request from your school office or download below. The form must be signed by:
 - **student's licensed health care professional** (physician, naturopath, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, optometrist or dentist)
 - **student's parent/guardian**
- 4. All medication must be in a properly labeled container.** Prescription medication must be in a container labeled by a pharmacist or physician with the correct name of the student and medication, correct dosage, and the time for school administration. Over-the-counter medication must be in its original container labeled with the student's name.

Please note:

- **Student ability to carry medication at school**—Students may be allowed to carry and independently administer their own medication in certain situations if the required guidelines for safety are followed. If your student needs this consideration, please contact your school nurse or office staff for further details.

Medications left at the end of the school year—Medications shall be returned directly to the parent/guardian when no longer required or at the end of the school year. Any unclaimed medication will be destroyed. nce.