

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWTOWN SQUARE, PENNSYLVANIA 19073
HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION**

Use of Medications Policy

MEDICATION POLICY

There is nationwide awareness and concern for the increase of in-school dispensing of medication including a broad spectrum of over the counter (OTC) medicines. In keeping with the district's educational effort to encourage precaution and restraint in this important aspect of daily health care, the Marple Newtown School Board has adopted a medication policy.

Important points from this policy are:

- The Certified School Nurse, RN, shall be responsible for administering emergency medication by a blanket order issued by the school physician (restricted to injectable adrenalin and oxygen).
- Acetaminophen, Antacids, Antidiarrheals, Antihistamines, Antitussives, Aspirin Decongestants and Ibuprofen are the only authorized medications supplied in the school.
- In order to give prescription drugs at school, the Nurse needs:
 1. a signed order from the health care provider
 2. signature from parent/guardian
 3. medication must be brought in by parent/guardian in the original pharmacy prescription container. A second bottle may be requested from the pharmacy.
- This information must be complete and on file in the nurse's office for each request.
- The above requirements must be renewed every school year.
- Parent/Guardian must bring medication into school – not the student
- At the end of the school year, unused medication will be returned only to the parent/guardian or discarded. It can not be returned to the student.
- Medication forms are available for your convenience in the nurse's office.
- Students are NOT permitted to carry any medications or pills of any kind (including prescription, OTC, diet preparations, dietary supplements and vitamins) unless certain conditions are met.
- All medication will be stored in a designated secure location in the nurse's office.
- Parents will be notified, at the discretion of the school nurse, when OTC medications are administered.
- Parents are encouraged not to bring in (OTC) medications for the school nurse to administer unless it is recommended by your child's health care provider.
- It is wise to notify the School Nurse of all medications your child is taking in case he/she develops an allergic reaction or incompatibility or if there is another emergency.
- OTC medication can be given for 10 consecutive days without a physician's order. If it MUST be given during the school day for more than 10 days, the following is necessary:
 1. Medication provided by the parent in the original container
 2. Medication labeled with student name, date, dosage and directions
 3. Parent/guardian must bring medication into school – not the student