

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
INFORMATION REGARDING MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

The following medication guidelines are in place in our schools to ensure the safety of our students and to comply with Indiana State Law.

1. All medication must be brought to school in the original or pharmacy bottle. Most pharmacies will give parents an extra, labeled bottle for medications at school. Bring a small amount of medication in. Anything not used by the end of the year will be discarded.
2. Written permission from the parent must be obtained before **any** medication can be given. The physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, or dentist signature also must be obtained before **any prescription** medications can be given.
3. Under IC 20-33-8-13 students may carry medications that are taken for chronic or medical conditions, such as diabetes or asthma, as long as we have a physician's signature. A student must demonstrate the maturity and ability to use the medication safely without supervision. Appropriate signatures must be on file at school.
4. Medication should be delivered to school in the safest way possible. Because **medications (over-the-counter and prescription) are not allowed on buses**, (except for those under IC 20-33-8-13) parents should bring them to school or designate another adult to do so.
5. SCSD 2 will only send medications home with students if we have written permission from the parent. They will **not** be sent home with a student if he/she is riding the bus.
6. SCSD 2 will not administer medications to a pregnant student unless the medication is prescribed by a physician and we have a physician and parent signature giving us permission to do so.
7. SCSD 2 will not administer products not approved by the FDA. This includes homeopathic, herbal or dietary supplements.
8. We discourage the use of cough drops in the elementary schools because of the risk of choking. A more appropriate cough preparation is recommended.
9. Because of the risk of Reye's Syndrome we do not give any medication that contains aspirin unless we have a physician's order.

When your child must have medication at school, please act quickly to follow these guidelines so we can dispense the medication as soon as possible. Contact your school nurse if you have any questions regarding these issues.