

Health Services

Medication at School

Waller ISD policy allows school nurses and other authorized school employees designated by the campus principal to administer medication to students during school hours should it be necessary for the student's optimum health and for maintaining maximum school performance. All medications should be given outside of school hours if possible. All medications must be brought to the clinic by a parent/guardian or responsible adult. All medications will be counted and signed by the nurse and/or parent/guardian or responsible adult.

Medications will be kept by the nurse, locked in the clinic. Students are not to carry medications with them.

(Exceptions for those students needing life-saving medications)

- Medications must be in the original container and properly labeled for the student.
- Medications will not be administered without specific written request by the parent/guardian and/or physician signature.
- Medication must be age appropriate for the student.
- Different medications may not be mixed in one bottle.
- It is the parent's responsibility to re-supply the medication when it is low or depleted if the student is to continue taking it at school.
- Treatments requested must be in writing from the physician.
- Failure to comply with medication guidelines may result in disciplinary action for the student.
- The nurse has the right to refuse administration of medications or treatments if it conflicts with their professional judgment.
- The nurse has the right to contact the physician regarding clarification of medication for the student.
- For your convenience, many local pharmacies will provide a second labeled container for medication at school.
- Medication is to be picked up at the clinic by a parent or a designated adult at the end of the school year.

NO medications will be kept in the clinic over the summer months. Please make arrangements with your campus clinic staff regarding pick-up of medications.

Prescription Medication

- Must be a current prescription, in a labeled bottle for the student and has not expired.
- Must be prescribed by a physician/dentist who is licensed to practice in the state of Texas. All prescriptions must be filled in the U.S. and be FDA approved.

Non-Prescription Medication

- Over-the-counter (OTC) medication must be of the U.S. origin and FDA approved.
- Medication must be in original container and labeled for that student and not expired

Dietary and Herbal Supplements

Dietary and Herbal supplements will only be administered if it is required by the student's individualized education program or Section 504 plan for a student with disabilities.

Student Self-administered Medication

Only medications for possible life-threatening conditions such as diabetes, asthma, and severe allergies may be carried by the responsible student at school. This requires appropriate documentation and a permission form signed by the treating physician, the parent/guardian, and the student. The student must be capable of administering his/her own medication or treatment at school and at school -related activities according to the purpose, appropriate method, and frequency of the medication or treatment. The student also must understand that intentional misuse of any medication or medical equipment that could cause harm to another person will result in disciplinary action. Presently, these medications include:

- Insulin, glucagon and diabetes medical equipment
- Asthma Inhalers
- Epinephrine Auto-Injectors for severe allergies

Please see the WISD student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct for full information on administering medications at school.