

**Our Lady of Good Counsel School
23 West Prospect Street
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There are times when students must take medication during school hours. These medications are of two varieties: prescription and over the counter.

The rules listed below are proposed in order to...

1. Protect the physical welfare of students on medication, i.e., knowing what medication a child is taking could facilitate the course of action a nurse would follow when side reactions become apparent;
2. Protect students who unwittingly consume medication prescribed for another youngster;
3. Ensure that the school has fulfilled its obligation toward students on medication;
4. Prevent the unauthorized use of prescription medication during school hours on school property;
5. Inform the school of any child suffering from an illness which requires medication and which may influence both his academic performance and behavior in school.

Rules for Medication taken during School Hours

1. **All prescription medication to be taken by students during school hours shall be**
 - a. **Kept in nurse's office; except for inhalers carried by students with written permission form signed by parent and physician (yellow form).**
 - b. **Brought to school by student's parent or guardian, along with physician's written authorization that medication is to be given during school hours;**
 - c. **Clearly labeled in the original container from the pharmacy with child's name, name of medication, drug store where purchased, name of prescribing physician, and the time and amount of medication to be given.**
2. Parents are urged, when possible, to have their child take any necessary medication before or after school hours.
3. Parents are requested to **keep children at home during acute stages of illness, especially when medication is necessary at frequent intervals.**
4. Request for **over the counter medication** to be given during school time **must be accompanied by a note from the physician stating the pupil's name, dosage, time of administration, and the period of administration. (e.g. 3 days, one week, etc.)**
5. All requests for children to take medication must be renewed each school year.

Note: If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please contact the school nurse at 235-7885.