

Lynden Christian School

GUIDELINES FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN REGARDING ORAL MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Lynden Christian School is authorized by RCW 28A.210.260-270 and RCW 18.71.030 (3) to administer prescribed oral medication to students during school hours or while students are under the supervision of Lynden Christian School personnel. Lynden Christian School will authorize its employees to administer prescribed oral medication to students ONLY when the student requires such medication in order to attend school, or when the student is susceptible to a predetermined life-threatening condition.

IF MEDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN AT SCHOOL, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE FOLLOWED:

1. An AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL form for each medication prescribed is to be completed and signed by the child's physician for prescription and over-the-counter medication. The form must also be signed by the parent or guardian. For students in grades 5-12, if medication is over-the-counter an AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL form need **only** be completed and signed by a parent or guardian (no physician signature is needed).
2. An EMERGENCY PLAN FOR BEE STINGS AND ALLERGY/ANAPHYLAXIS form for epinephrine and antihistamines prescribed for a life-threatening allergy must be completed and signed by the child's physician. The parent portion of the EMERGENCY PLAN FOR BEE STINGS AND ALLERGY/ANAPHYLAXIS form must also be signed by the parent or guardian.
3. Students will be allowed to self-carry/self-administer their epinephrine injectors or inhalers at the discretion of their physician, this must be indicated on the medication form. Students in grades 5-12 will be allowed to self-carry/self-administer oral medications if indicated by the physician (prescription) or parent (over-the-counter). **STUDENTS MAY ONLY CARRY A ONE DAY SUPPLY OF MEDICATION.**
4. The medication must be furnished in an original container from the pharmacy with the student's name, the name of the medication, and the amount to be given. Over-the-counter medication must be furnished in the original container from the manufacturer. All medications must be in a form ready to be administered and must not require preparation by school staff.
5. It is the parent's responsibility to deliver and maintain an adequate supply (not more than one month supply) of the medication at school. **The medication may not be delivered by the child.**
6. At the end of the year it is the parent's responsibility to pick up unused medication. Any medication left at school will be destroyed 5 working days after school is out.
7. Parents will be notified if any of the medication's side effects that are listed on the AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL form or the EMERGENCY PLAN FOR BEE STINGS AND ALLERGY/ANAPHYLAXIS form are observed.
8. Physician's orders to administer medications are current until the end of the school year (including summer school) and must be renewed in writing with the start of each school year.
9. If the dosage of a medication changes, the school requires a new authorization form and a newly labeled container from the pharmacy.
10. The school expects your child to come to the office at the appointed time for their medication. Personnel can only administer medication in accordance with the physician's instructions and at the prescribed time.
11. In order for a student to receive medication at school, all procedures must be followed by parents, physicians, and the student. If these conditions are not met, the student's medication procedure will be reviewed and possibly discontinued.
12. When the student is on a field trip and medication must be administered during school hours or during such time that the student is under supervision of school personnel, the parent will need to make arrangements with the school at least 24 hours prior to the trip.