

Authorization for Administering Medicine

TUSD District Policy

The purpose of allowing medication to be taken by pupils at school is to help provide for their general welfare by following instructions of their physicians. It shall be the school's responsibility to provide reasonable and prudent supervision while the pupil takes the medication. It shall be the pupil's (parent's) responsibility to take the prescribed medication in accordance with their doctor's instructions.

Policies Regarding Medication at School

According to the California State Education Code 49423, definite procedures must be followed with regard to taking medications at school.

During the regular school day, any pupil who is required to take medication prescribed by a physician must provide:

1. A written statement from the physician stating the method, amount and time in which medication is to be taken and relevant side effects.
2. A written statement from the parent or guardian of the pupil granting their permission that the physician's orders are carried out.
3. The medication in the original pharmacy container; labeled by a California pharmacist giving the student name, doctor name, drug, dosage, route of administration, and schedule.

All medication is to be kept in the health office, unless otherwise arranged with the District Nurse. It is the student's responsibility to come to the office to take the prescribed medication at designated times.

A parent or guardian can bring a prescribed medication to the school office and give it to their student directly.

This is for the protection of all students.

NOTICE – PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING REQUEST

A District Nurse or Health Clerk is not present at the school site at all times or on all days when the school is in session. Therefore, because emergency assistance may be provided by nonmedically trained District personnel, parents must assure that physicians provide complete, precise, legible, directions and instructions. The District is not responsible for notifying parents before or after prescribed medication is depleted or the expiration occurs. Expired medications will not be administered. This request for District assistance expires at the end of the school year in which it is made.