

# MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## MEDICATION POLICIES

The following policies are in effect at all schools to insure the health and safety of children needing medication or treatments during the school day. Both prescription and over-the-counter medications and all treatments are covered by these policies

As recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and approved by the school's physician, the following forms must be on file in your child's health record **before we begin to give any medication or administer treatments** at school.

- Signed consent by the parent or guardian to give the medication. Please complete the consent form and return to your school nurse. Forms can be obtained from the nurse's office or downloaded from this site.
- Signed medication order. The medication order form should be taken to your child's physician or nurse practitioner for completion and returned to the school nurse. This order must be renewed as needed and at the beginning of each school year. Forms can be obtained from the nurse's office or downloaded from this site.
- Medications should be delivered to the school in a pharmacy or manufacturer-labeled container by parent/guardian or designated responsible adult. Please ask your pharmacy to provide separate bottles for school and home. **Medication will not be accepted in baggies or envelopes.** No more than a thirty-day supply of the medication should be delivered to the school.
- **You or a responsible adult must pick up any remaining medication when the medication is discontinued or before the last day of school. Any medication not picked up by the end of the last school day will be destroyed that day.**
- Epi-Pens, Glucagon, glucose tabs, inhalers, nebulizers, and Benadryl are emergency medications and must be provided by the parent/guardian prior to, or on, the first day of school or when prescribed during the school year.
- Parents of children who require emergency medication at school should contact the school nurse to develop an emergency care plan.
- Students may not carry medication to school or on their person unless an emergency care plan has been developed with the school nurse and your child's physician has determined that it is safe for your child to carry an emergency medication.

If your child needs a medication to be given during the school day, please act quickly to follow the above policies so we may begin to give the medication as soon as possible.