

Medication at School

District employees will not give a student prescription medication, nonprescription medication, herbal substances, vitamins, or other dietary supplements, with the following exceptions:

Prescription Medications-

- In the original, properly labeled container, provided by the parent, along with a written request from the parent.
- Medication from a properly labeled unit dosage container filled by a registered nurse or another qualified district employee from the original, properly labeled container.
- The medication must be brought to the school by the parent. It should not be sent with the child or on the bus.

Nonprescription medication/Over the Counter Medicine-

- In the original, unopened, properly labeled container, provided by the parent, along **with a written request from the parent and doctor.**
- The medication must be brought to the school by the parent. It should not be sent with the child or on the bus.
- Cough drops are considered an over the counter medication.
- Students are not allowed to possess or carry over the counter medications with them at school.

Special Situations-

- Students with asthma, severe allergic reactions, and diabetes may be permitted to possess and use prescribed medication for that condition at school.
- Students must have the appropriate paperwork on file with the nurse to carry their own medications.
- This paperwork includes, but is not limited to, written permission from the parent and physician to carry their own medications.
- Students must also demonstrate to the school nurse that they are able to appropriately use their medications.
- Parents should contact the school nurse and ensure that the proper paperwork is completed BEFORE the start of school
- Gilmer ISD wants you to know that it is always best practice to keep a supply of emergency medications with the nurse in case of emergency, a child forgets theirs, or malfunction of the medication delivery device.

***Students carrying medications without the proper paperwork could face disciplinary action.*

