

Prescription Medications

- All prescription medication to be given in school must be ordered by a person authorized to prescribe medication. In Maryland an authorized prescriber is a physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or dentist.
- All medication must be brought into school by the student's parent/guardian. The only exceptions to this rule are Epi-pens and inhalers (see below). Only the School Nurse or certified medication technicians will be able to accept medications. Faculty may not accept medications from parents/ guardians or students.
- For each medication to be administered a *Barrie School Authorization to Administer Medication Form* must be completed by the authorized prescriber. A new form is needed for each medication. You may photocopy the form as many times as you need. It can be downloaded from the Barrie website. Maryland regulations do not allow the "stacking" of medication on one form. The parent/guardian's authorization and prescriber's authorization must be indicated in the appropriate space on the form. No medication will be administered without both signatures.
- All prescribed medication must have the following information:
 - Date of order
 - Name of student
 - Diagnosis
 - Name of medication and dosage to be administered
 - Time and route of administration
 - Possible side effects
 - Special requirements such as "take with food"
 - The start and end dates the medication is to be administer
 - Under what circumstances/signs should this medication be discontinued
- All medication must be in the original packaging from the pharmacy with a current readable pharmacy label attached stating the above information. Medication bottles will not be accepted if the label has crossed out items or handwritten items on it. No baggies or envelopes of medications can be accepted.
- No medication is permitted to be carried by the student. The only exception to this are those students who have written authorization from their authorized prescriber and parent/guardian to carry their own Epi-Pen or inhaler since these both are considered emergency drugs.
- The first dose of any medication is to be given at home. The only exceptions to this are Epi-Pens or inhalers since these are considered emergency medications.

Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medications

- A *Barrie School Over-The-Counter Medication Authorization Form* is available for a prescribing provider and parent to complete in order for a student to receive OTC medications in the health office as needed.

All medications, including OTC, must be given directly to the School Nurse or to a certified medication technician. Other school personnel are not permitted to accept or verify the medications. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Kirstie Abernathy at 301-576-2814 or email kabernathy@barrie.org.