

**FFAC: Parent/Physician Request for****Argyle ISD Regulation****Administration Of Medication by School****Date: 04/27/2023****Personnel****Related Policy Code: FFAC**

**Requests for the administration of medications by school personnel may be made as follows (in accordance with Education Code 22.052):**

1. A request form is to be completed for each medication, and a new request made for changes in medications or dosages. First Dosages of any medication will **NOT** be administered at school for safety reasons.
2. Parents have the primary responsibility of giving medications to their child. Only those medications that cannot be given outside school hours will be administered. Most three-times-a-day medicines can be given before and after school. (Prescriptions can be written so that doses are not necessary during school hours. Please discuss this with your doctor.) A current properly labeled prescription container will be accepted as proof of the physician's order.
3. Elementary students will be given non-prescription, over-the-counter (OTC) medicine by school personnel only with a doctor's prescription. The doctor may sign this medication sheet or send written or faxed instructions for administrations to the school nurse. Elementary school medications are distributed in the health room (or an alternate location at the discretion of the nurse and administration). Please encourage your child to take the responsibility to go to the health room at the prescribed time. Elementary students may carry prescribed emergency medication for anaphylaxis or asthma only with a doctor's order, written parent permission, and student demonstration of appropriate self-administration of the medication with the nurse (ie: epinephrine, inhalers, diastat, glucagon, etc).
4. Prescribed secondary school medications are distributed in the health room/office (or at an alternate location at the discretion of the nurse and administration). Please encourage your child to take the responsibility to go to the health room at the prescribed time. Secondary school students may carry prescribed emergency medication for anaphylaxis or asthma only with a doctor's order, written parent permission, and student demonstration of appropriate self-administration of the medication with the nurse (ie: epinephrine, inhalers, diastat, glucagon, etc).
5. No dietary supplements, herbal remedies, vitamins, performance boosters, essential oils, etc., are allowed on school campuses or at school activities. Any exceptions to this will be as required by the IEP or section 504 plan of a student with disabilities and only after discussion with the student's doctor, parents and school nurse. Any medicine other than the original container is considered contraband, subjecting the student to disciplinary measures.
7. All medicine must be in the original, properly labeled container. Please ask your pharmacist to dispense two labeled bottles of medication: one for home and one for school. Changes in dosages, time, or medication will require a new physician order and parent request form.
8. In accordance with the Nurse Practice Act, Texas Code, Section 217.11, the school nurse has the responsibility and authority to clarify any order or treatment regimen that the nurse has reason to believe is inaccurate, non-efficacious or contraindicated by consulting with the appropriate licensed practitioner. The school nurse also has the right to refuse to administer medications that, in the nurse's professional judgment, are not in the best interest of the student.
9. At the end of the school year, unused medication that has not been picked up by parents/guardians will be discarded.
10. A new prescription and medication permission form is required for every school year.