

Tioga Health Services
Medication Protocol

Medications in School

In most cases, students are not allowed to carry medications with them to school. Medications are to be supplied by the parent and kept in the health room to be administered by the school health room attendant, school nurse or a provider designated by the principal. Only medications that cannot be given outside of school hours will be administered. **Medications containing narcotics will not be administered at school.**

A written request and authorization, signed by **BOTH** a parent/guardian and a medical provider is required for all medications (this form can be found on the Tioga ISD website). This should include the student's name, date, instructions and **BOTH** a parent and medical provider signature. The medication must be provided by the parent, in the original container and labeled with the name of the student.

Texas law allows students to carry and self-administer emergency medications, including asthma inhalers and epinephrine injectable pens, while at school or school related functions **WITH** written documentation from parent/guardian and their physician (Emergency Medication Self-Carry Agreement form is required - found on the Tioga ISD website).

Alternative therapies including oils, herbals, vitamins, and supplements NOT approved or controlled by the FDA will NOT be administered by school personnel.

Exception: Prescription medications may be administered temporarily, **according to Rx label instructions** with parent written consent (ie. Antibiotics), until a physician signature can be obtained (no more than 5 consecutive days of administration without a physician signature). Daily medications may also be given temporarily, **according to Rx label instructions** with parent written consent, pending MD signature on *Authorization and Order for Medication Administration* form.

*All controlled substances will be counted by two adults when medication is brought in. A Controlled Substance Log will be kept on file for the student and attached to the Medication Authorization Form. NARCOTICS are **NOT** to be given at school.

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