

RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL
Rhinebeck, New York

REGULATIONS CONCERNING MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

By New York State Education Law, the school is responsible for first-aid care of school children who are injured or become ill while under school supervision following which the child is to be placed under the care of his parents, upon whom rests the responsibility for subsequent treatment. Occasionally a medication may have to be given during the hours when the pupil is in school. Under specific regulations, listed below, a medication prescribed by a private physician may be administered during school.

Please note that all of the following regulations must be met before any medication can be given.

1. The school nurse must have a written order signed by a private physician giving the following information:
 - a. Name of medication (effects and side effects)
 - b. Diagnosis
 - c. Dosage
 - d. Time of administration
 - e. Number of days to be administered
2. It must have a professional label (either drug store and prescription number or drug company).
3. It must be brought to the Health Office by an adult. Under no circumstances is a child to bring medication to school.
4. The parent or guardian must submit a written request to the school nurse to give the medication as directed.

It will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian to come to the Health Office to obtain any unused medication. If the unused medication has not been picked up, it will be discarded seven (7) days after the date of final dosage. Medication that has been prescribed for a period extending to the end of the school year will be discarded the last day of school in June if it has not been picked up by a parent.

NEW PRESCRIPTIONS ARE REQUIRED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER FOR ALLERGY AND BEE STING MEDICATION.

Parents are asked to report to the school nurse immediately if there is any change in the course of treatment or in the medication.

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