

Medications in School



Hughes Springs ISD is committed to ensuring your child's best day while at school. **Although every effort should be made to avoid administering medications while at school,** we recognize that there may be times when you and your child's doctor will require that medications and treatments be given during school hours.

Per District Policy/Student Handbook: Students are not allowed to carry any type of medication in their backpacks, or on their person while at school. The only allowed medication will be an asthma inhaler and/or EpiPen with proper physician and school authorization.

All medications need to be brought in by a responsible parent or guardian and turned in to school nurse or school staff.

Medications WILL NOT be administered without first having the appropriate forms signed and on file with the school.

ALL the following conditions MUST be met BEFORE ANY medications are administered by school nurse or staff:

Except for emergency medications such as asthma inhalers, Epi-Pens, and Seizure medication;

ONCE DAILY, and TWICE DAILY, MEDICATIONS MUST BE GIVEN AT HOME.

***The first dose of ANY medication must be administered by parent or guardian.**

- A complete **Medication Request Form** must be turned in to the school nurse (contact the nurse for a copy of the form).
 - School personnel cannot administer medications if there is any missing information on the form. **Please complete entirely. If needed, obtain Doctor's order prior to bringing the medication to school.**
 - All medications requiring **special instructions**, or to be **administered longer than 10 days**, **MUST have a doctor's order with the prescribing doctor's signature and office number** (contact your school nurse for questions).
 - **Prescription medications** must be in the prescribing pharmacy container, with original prescription label including: student's name, the name of the drug, instructions for taking the medication, the prescription number, and name of prescribing physician (**you may ask your pharmacist for an extra "SCHOOL SUPPLY" container**). .
- **Over the counter medications and topical ointments** must be in the original container and not expired. Please label the medication with your child's full name and date of birth.
 - These medications **can only be given according to the manufacturer recommendations (the directions on the box or bottle) for a maximum of 10 consecutive school days, unless signed doctor's orders are written.** See your school nurse if you have any questions.
 - **ALL MEDICINES MUST BE IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTAINER**
 - **All medications must be brought in by an adult.**
 - Students are not allowed to carry medications on their person without a doctor's order and prior approval of the school.
 - Only the amount of medication required for school doses should be brought to the school. Parents/guardians are responsible to refill as needed.
 - Medications must be picked up by an adult.