



STUDENT MEDICATION

In keeping with recommendations of the American Medical Association and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bear Creek Community Charter School discourages the administration of medication at school. Realizing that under certain circumstances it will be necessary for students to take or be administered medications while at school, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. The parent or guardian must provide a written request for the administration of the prescribed medication at school;
2. Written orders are to be provided to the School Nurse from the private physician detailing the diagnosis or type of illness involved the name of the drug, dosage, time of administration, and side effects. A separate authorization shall be submitted for each medication. The medication label does not take the place of a doctor's note;
3. The medication should be brought to the school by the parent/guardian in the original container, appropriately labeled by the pharmacy or physician. Do not send a student to school with medication;
4. Unused quantities cannot be sent home with the student and will be discarded the end of the school year unless picked up by a parent;
5. **Students are not permitted to carry medications with them in school or on a school bus** except in circumstances authorized by the School Nurse. Such exceptions include students with asthma or other potentially life-threatening illnesses who may self-administer when a Nurse is not physically present. Permission for such possession and self administration must be on file in the office of the School Nurse;
6. Over-the-counter medications will not be administered without a doctor's note;
7. The School Nurse is not authorized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the school's Board of Trustees to administer medication unless the above conditions are met;
8. When a student taking medication is scheduled for a class trip, the parent will be asked to accompany the class and administer the medication to their child. If a parent cannot accompany the class, the School Nurse or another Registered Nurse will administer the medication.