

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUMMARY OF POLICY 210 - MEDICATIONS

On December 5, 2014 the Trinity Area School board approved revisions to the Medication Policy. Set forth below is a summary of the policy. The complete policy can be viewed on the district website and is also on record at the Administration Office of the school district and is available for review on request. The purpose of this summary is to enable parent/guardians to comply with the policy. The policy has the following important provisions:

- 1. <u>PURPOSE</u>: The Trinity Area School District requests that medication be given at home during non-school hours. However, it recognizes that there may be circumstances when it is necessary to administer medication during the school day in order for the student to attend school and benefit from the educational experience.
- **2.** <u>MEDICATIONS INCLUDED</u>: Prescription and over-the-counter medications are covered by this policy. A Medication Administration Consent and Licensed Prescriber Order must be completed and returned to the school nurse before any prescription and/or over-the-counter medications can be administered. This form may be obtained at your child's school or on the district website in the heath services section. This form must renewed at the beginning of each school year.
- **3.** <u>DELIVERY OF MEDICATION</u>: All medications <u>MUST</u> be delivered to the school by the parent/guardian or another adult designated by the parent/guardian and be accompanied by the Medication Administration Consent and Licensed Prescriber's Order form.
 - Any controlled substance/medication must be counted by the parent and the school nurse together at time of delivery and will be documented. No more than a four (4) week supply of any controlled substance will be kept at school.
 - Prescription medications must be in the original pharmacy container. All non-prescription medications must be in their original packing.
 - At the end of the school year the parent/guardian may obtain any remaining medication from the nurse. Any medication not picked up by the last day may be disposed of by the school nurse.
- 4. STUDENT SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS: Student's may carry and self-administer emergency medications (inhaler and EpiPen) only after the Medication Administration Consent and Licensed Prescriber's Order form is received and states as such. Students and parent/guardians must complete the <u>Self-Administration Student/Parent Agreement</u> prior to student being permitted to carry and/or administer prescribed emergency medication. The Self-Administration Student/Parent Agreement shall be renewed annually.
 - The student shall demonstrate to the school nurse the competency for self administration and responsible behavior in the use of the prescribed medication prior to being permitted to carry and self-administer medication. Determination of competency for self-administration shall be based on the student's age, cognitive function, maturity and demonstration of responsible behavior.

If you have any questions regarding this policy you should contact the nurse responsible for the building to which your child is assigned.