



JEFFERSON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
HEALTH SERVICES

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Medical treatment is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian and an authorized health care provider. An authorized health care provider is an individual who is licensed by the State of California to prescribe medication. Medications, both prescription and over the counter, may be given at school when it is deemed absolutely necessary by the authorized health care provider that the medication given during school hours.

Parents/Legal Guardians are urged, with the help of your child's authorized health care provider, to work out a schedule of giving medication at home whenever possible.

California Education Code, Section 49423 allows school personnel to assist in carrying out an authorized health care provider's written orders and instructions. Designated non-medical school personnel may be administering your child's medication. They will be trained and supervised by District School Nurse. Medication and its related health information will be safely stored and locked in a secure location.

Emergency medication such as auto-injectable epinephrine or rescue inhalers for asthma may be carried by the student when recommended by an authorized healthcare provider. When appropriate, the District Nurse may evaluate the student's ability to safely self-administer the medication. An emergency action plan, further medication and back up medication should be kept at the school for emergency use. Students who have a serious medical condition (diabetes, epilepsy, severe food or environmental allergy, etc.) should have an emergency supply of their medication at school with the appropriate consent forms in the event of a disaster. These students should also have a health plan on file. If your child does not have a health plan and has one of the above-mentioned conditions or other serious medical condition please contact your child's school and ask to speak with the Health Aide or the Vice Principal.

IF MEDICATION IS TO BE ADMINISTERED AT SCHOOL, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MUST BE MET (*in accordance with California State Law, Regulations, and Education Code, Section 49423*):

1. A written statement signed by the licensed authorized health care provider specifying the reason for the medication, the name, dose, route of administration, notable side effects, and specific instructions for emergency treatment must be on file at school. A signed release from the parent/legal guardian must also be on file (*Authorization to Administer Medication at School form may be found on your school site's website, JUHSD website or your school site's front office*).
 - a. Please obtain and review the Authorization to Administer Medication at School form.
 - b. Have your child's health care provider fill out and sign the healthcare provider section(s).
 - c. Please sign the parent/legal guardian section
 - d. If your child is approved by their healthcare provider to self-carry rescue medication, please have your child's healthcare provider check the self-carry box, and initial after the self-carry statement.
 - e. If your child is approved by their healthcare provider to self-carry rescue medication(s), please have your child read and sign the student self-carry section (parent/legal guardian signatures are also required of students under 18 years of age).
2. Medication must be delivered to school by the parent/legal guardian.
3. Medication must be in original prescription container issued by the pharmacy. Over the counter medication must also be in their original container.
4. Liquid medications must be accompanied by an appropriate measuring device.
5. Any tablets requiring partial doses (i.e.: cut in ½) must be sent to school already cut.