

# **Bible Baptist School - Medication Policy**

## ***Dispensing of Medication***

**Please do not send any medicine to school that can be administered at home** (i.e. medication prescribed three times a day may be given before school, after school, and before bedtime).

All medicine that is sent to school must be taken to the nurse's office (or main office if the nurse is in another building) as soon as the student arrives at school. Medicine may not be kept in desks, purses, lunch kits, etc.

## ***Over the counter medications***

We have received notification from the Mechanicsburg School District, which oversees our health rooms that we are not able to administer over the counter medications to our students. Only physicians or medically licensed personnel are authorized. This means we cannot even give our students aspirin or Tums, etc. unless our nurse from Mechanicsburg is on campus administering them. She is typically here twice a week. While we do hire trained medical assistants and they are here daily, they are not doctors or RN's.

We have been told that you, the parent, can authorize someone to administer over the counter medications to your child as long as that person is not employed by the school. We trust we can get volunteers to be here at the start of school and at lunch to be those designated medication providers. It would also require that you send a note to our office authorizing those people to give medications to your children. Again, this is for over the counter products only.

## ***Prescribed Medication***

A note signed by the parent/guardian that gives permission for the student to take the medication at school must accompany the medicine to school. In addition, prescribed medicine must be sent in a properly labeled medicine bottle from a pharmacy or doctor. Properly labeled containers will include the following:

- Name of student
- Name of medication
- Dosage of medication
- Time to be taken
- Parent/guardian signature
- Date

If parents/guardians do not want to send the medicine to school in the pharmacist's container, they should ask the pharmacist to provide a separate properly labeled container for school use.

The secondary student shall be responsible for going to the nurse's office (or main office) for his/her medication at the prescribed time.

## ***Asthma Inhaler Law***

The Pennsylvania State law allows students to carry asthma inhalers on their person. The law also requires a written order from the physician and a consultation with the school nurse and the student to determine whether the child is responsible enough to carry and use his/her inhaler.

Part of the provision includes the fact that a student MUST immediately see the nurse following the use of the inhaler. In addition a consent form provided by BBS and signed by parents, student, and physician must be on file. If you have a child who uses an asthma inhaler and the physician suggests self-medication, please contact the school for further information.