

School Medication Policies

Florida Statute 232.46 establishes rules governing the administration of **prescription** medication to students during the school day. Melbourne Central Catholic has further determined that the same regulations will apply **to all over the counter** medications. The policies are as follow:

- **All Medication(s) MUST be received in the original container**, labeled by the pharmacy, with the student's name, and the date the prescription was filled. The prescription label must not be altered in any way. Please write your student's name on the original container for over the counter medications.
- **All medication containers MUST clearly state the medication name, dosage, time and or frequency to be given, amount to be given, route (i.e. oral, nasal, inhaled etc.) and any specific medication guidelines and/or special instructions.**
- **Non-Prescription** over the counter medications may be stored and administered **ONLY** in cases where the physician and parent make a request for the medication to be given as needed. The parent and the physician will be notified if the student requests frequent use of the medication.
- **A parent permission request** for the administration of medication by school personal **MUST** be on file **PRIOR** to the administration of **ANY** medication.
A separate form is required for each medication.
- **A physician authorization MUST be on file within 10 school days** of receipt of medication if administration of medication is to be continued.
- **ANY and ALL CHANGES** in the administration of medication already on file, i.e. dosages, time, or frequency, requires new forms be completed **PRIOR** to the medication being given differently.

A new medication label from the pharmacy is also required to be placed on the bottle **PRIOR to the medication being administered differently.**

- **MEDICATION SHALL NOT BE CARRIED ON THE STUDENT'S PERSON, ON THE BUS, OR IN THE SCHOOL. MEDICATION CANNOT BE STORED IN THE STUDENT'S LOCKER. MEDICATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AND PICKED UP AT THE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE OR STUDENT SERVICES.**