

BAK MSOA HEALTH ROOM and SDPBC MEDICATION POLICY

The Health Room is open during regular school hours and is staffed by registered nurses. If students become ill or injured during the school day, they will be directed to the Health Room (if warranted). Students **MUST** have a pass to visit the Health Room. If a student is unable to return to the classroom and/or certain illnesses/injuries result in the student no longer being able to remain in school (e.g., fever over 100 degrees, pink eye, active vomiting, unexplained rash, diarrhea, contagious illnesses, or injury), the student will have to be picked up by a parent, guardian, or a person on the student's contact list. Therefore, it is important that parents have current emergency contact lists, including adults who are authorized to pick-up the students. It is also imperative that students know how to reach their parents/guardians in case of an illness or medical emergency. (Directive D-5.071). **Please notify the nurse if your child** has any chronic illnesses or if you have any medical concerns about your child. The school nurses or school personnel may not administer any prescription or over-the-counter medication, unless the Medication Policy is completed (see below).

Medication Policy and Procedures

As mandated by State, District, Health Department, when a student is on the campus of any school in Palm Beach County, the student may not carry on their person or take ANY prescription or over-the-counter medication (exceptions may apply for items like inhalers, EpiPen). All Palm Beach County Schools are designated "Drug Free Zones". The school nurses or school personnel may not administer any prescription or over-the-counter medication, unless all of the following conditions/procedures are met:

- **PHYSICIAN AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENT MEDICATION FORM** must be completed and signed by **BOTH** the prescribing physician and the student's parent/guardian. Forms are available in Doctor's office. (If your doctor does not have the forms the school nurse will fax a copy of the appropriate form(s) to the requesting physician's office.)
- The medication **MUST** be brought to the Health Room by an adult. The School Nurse and the adult will count the medication, and both will sign the student's medication record.
- "Over the Counter" medication (examples: Tylenol, Advil, cough syrup, any medication that can be purchased without a prescription) **MUST BE IN A NEW SEALED CONTAINER LABELLED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME**. We suggest (but no longer require) that you have a prescription label that matches the doctor's order attached to the bottle. Your pharmacist will put this label on the medication if you just ask and tell him that your child needs to take the medication at school.
- "Prescription Medicines" (example: Ritalin, insulin, glucagons, eye drops, or any medication that requires you to have a doctor prescription) must be in a pharmacy labeled bottle. Ask your pharmacist to provide two (2) prescription labeled bottles for you- one for home and one for school.
- Students with asthma, allergies or diabetics who have met the above requirements **AND** have permission from their doctor and their parent/guardian (as specifically designated on the Physician Authorization) **MAY** carry their inhaler or EpiPen with them or wear an insulin pump. The medications may also be kept in the health room for a back-up.
- A current photo of the child must be provided by parent to attach to the student's medication forms for proper identification of the student. Student ID badges may be copied at school for this purpose.

The conditions/procedures listed above are strictly enforced strictly enforced. Questions or concerns may be directed to the School Nurse (Angie Bailey) at 561-882-3883.