

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT REQUEST FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Medications, prescription and non-prescription, that are to be given at school, require a written authorization from the physician, and a signed release from the parents/guardians for school personnel to administer any medication. Only one medication should be written per form.

Medical treatment is the responsibility of the parent and the family health care provider. Medications are rarely given in school. The only exceptions involve special or serious problems where it is deemed absolutely necessary to give the medication during school hours.

A school nurse often serves more than one school and would not be available every day to administer medication so other school personnel may be given this responsibility. **Consequently, the parent is urged, with the help of the family health care provider, to work out a schedule of giving medication outside school hours.**

Specific directions for the administration of the medication to be given at school must be included in a written statement from the health care provider clearly specifying the condition for which the drug shall be given, how it is to be given, dosage, and related information. Specific instructions should be included for the emergency treatment of allergic reactions such as those from bee stings, and they should clearly state what type of reaction for which the drug is being given, (i.e., localized, generalized, severe, mild).

Medication shall be brought to and from the school by the parent in the original container. No medication (prescription or non-prescription) may be transported by a student or be in the student's possession while at school or on a school bus.

The school will provide a safe place for the medication to be stored and maintain records. These procedures fulfill the legal requirements of California Education Code 49423 and the district policy. If you have further questions or need assistance please contact your child's school nurse at his/her school.

EDUCATION CODE SECTION 49423: Administration of Prescribed Medication for Pupil. Any students who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed for him/her by a physician, may be assisted by the school nurse or other designated school personnel if the school district received (1) a written statement from such physician detailing the method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication is to be taken, and (2) a written statement from the parent or guardian of the student indicating the desire that the school district assist the student in the matters set forth in the physician's statement.

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