



## OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL NURSES

Dear Parents,

The Louisiana State Legislature has passed a new school medication law. The Ouachita Parish School Board has established new guidelines and procedures in order to be in compliance with this law.

As a general principle, medications will not be given at school. However, when circumstances arise in which a student must take medication at school; the following will be adhered to:

1. Medications must have proper medication order form completed by the physician detailing the name of the medicine, dosage, and exact time to be given.
2. Parents must meet with the school nurse to sign appropriate medication forms before any medication can be administered at school.
3. Medication must be brought to school by a parent or guardian in a current container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy. Parents/guardians must have received no more than 25 dosages in a tablet form can be kept at the school for each child. **NO MEDICINE WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PLASTIC BAGS OR MISLABELED BOTTLES!**
4. If a dosage should change the office must receive a written order from the doctor or dentist stating what changes have been made and a new pharmacy label issued, whereby a childproof cap bottle must be given to office with the correct dosage and dispensing information. If the medication and dosage should change and a written statement is not received, then that child will not be given his/her medication.

**NO OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION CAN BE GIVEN** unless prescribed by a doctor or dentist. A pharmacist with the child's name, correct dosage and dispensing information also must be provided. (This means aspirin, Tylenol, cough syrup, cough drops, antacids, etc.).

**NO EYE OR EAR DROPS CAN BE GIVEN AT SCHOOL.**

Antibiotics should be given in a time-span so they may receive it at home if at all possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please call your school nurse.

Sincerely,  
Ouachita Parish School Nurses

**Ouachita Parish School Board**  
**Medication Administration Consent/Release From Liability**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I, the parent/guardian of the above named child, request that an OPSB school nurse or designated Trained school employee (under the indirect supervision of the school nurse) monitor, assist, and/or Administer as necessary the following medication per MD order.

Medication \_\_\_\_\_ Dose \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ As prescribed by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I release the OPSB & its employees of any/all liability, injury or damage related to the observation/ Administration of this medication at school. I understand a nurse will not always be at the school.

\_\_\_ I agree to provide the medication in a container properly labeled by the pharmacy and understand that the label must match a doctor's written order. I assume all responsibility for mistakes in furnishing an incorrect dosage or medicine to the school.

\_\_\_ I agree that I or a responsible adult will deliver the prescribed medication to the school to observe and verify the count. Up to a 25 day supply can be stored at the school.

\_\_\_ I give consent for the school nurse to assess my child in the school setting.

\_\_\_ I give permission to the school nurse to share with & obtain from appropriate school personnel, physicians and other healthcare sources information relative to my child's health and prescribed medication administration as the nurse determines necessary for health and safety reasons.

\_\_\_ I understand that I may retrieve the medication from the school at any time and understand that the medication will be destroyed if it is not picked up within two weeks following expiration or termination of the order and at the end of the school year.

\_\_\_ I have administered the initial does and have observed for adverse reactions for at least 12 hours. For "as needed" medication, I agree to notify school personnel of all doses given before school hours.

\_\_\_ In case of a life-threatening emergency, 911 will be called immediately and I or an emergency contact will be notified. I give permission for my child to be transported to the nearest ER. I take full responsibility for any/all expenses incurred.

My signature indicates that I have read, understand and agree with the state/OPSB regulations concerning medication administration at school. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
MEDICATION ORDER**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LA, TX, AR, OR MS LICENSED PRESCRIBER**

**PART 1: PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please note: A parental/legal guardian consent form must also be filled out. Obtain from the school nurse.)*

**PART 2: LICENSED PRESCRIBER TO COMPLETE**

1. Relevant Diagnosis(es): \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Student's General Health Status: \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Strength of medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage (amount to be given): \_\_\_\_\_  
Route:  By mouth  By inhalation  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency \_\_\_\_\_ Time of each dose \_\_\_\_\_
- ALL PRN MEDICATION MUST DENOTE TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN DOSAGE  
School medication orders shall be limited to medication that cannot be administered before or after school hours.  
Special circumstances must be approved by school nurse.
4. Duration of medication order:  Until end of school term  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Desired Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Possible side-effects of medication: \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Any contraindications for administering medication: \_\_\_\_\_
  8. Allergies to food or medicine include: \_\_\_\_\_
  9. Other medications taken at home: \_\_\_\_\_
  10. Next visit is: \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Licensed Prescriber's Name (Printed)	_____ Address	_____ Phone/Fax Numbers
_____ Licensed Prescriber's Signature	_____ Credentials (i.e., MD, NP, DDS)	_____ APRN # Date

Each medication order must be written on a separate order form. Any future changes in directions for medication ordered require new medication orders. Orders sent by fax are acceptable. Legibility may require mailing original to the school. Orders to discontinue also must be written.

**PART 3: LICENSED PRESCRIBER TO COMPLETE AS APPROPRIATE**

**Inhalants / Emergency Drugs**

Release Form for Students to be Allowed to Carry Medication on His/Her Person  
*Use this space only for students who will self-administer medication such as asthma inhaler.*

1. Is the student a candidate for self-administration?  Yes  No
2. Has this student been adequately instructed by you or your staff and demonstrated competence in self-administration of medication to the degree that he/she may self-administer his/her medication at school, provided that the school nurse has determined it is safe and appropriate for this student in his/her particular school setting?  Yes  No

_____ Licensed Prescriber's Signature	_____ Credentials (i.e., MD, NP, DDS)	_____ APRN #	_____ Date
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