



To Parents/Guardians of ECSD students:

Just a reminder, Eagle County Schools made the following changes to improve the safety of medication administration in the school setting.

We no longer use the blanket permission form for over the counter medications including Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums, etc. **Every medication whether prescription or over the counter, must have its own permission form completed and signed by both a licensed prescriber and parent.** This includes all over the counter medications, cold preparations, cough drops, creams used to treat a condition, etc. The medication permission form must contain the following information: student's name, name of medication, current date, dosage, route, times to be given, reason for medication, and a start and end date.

Health offices no longer keep and "stock" medications. Therefore, any medication your child needs will need to be sent from home. Medications need to be in the **original, labeled container**, and delivered to the health office by a parent or responsible adult. Baggies will not be accepted.

Students may carry emergency medication, i.e. inhalers and Epi Pens, if approved by a licensed prescriber and parent. A **self-carry form** must be completed in addition to the medication permission form (or health care plan containing medication administration instructions). Students may carry over the counter medications also, if a medication permission form (signed by prescriber and parent) and self-carry form are on file in the health office. New forms are required each school year. Forms can be found on the Eagle County Schools website or in the school health office. Self-carry medications must be in the original container, and quantity should not exceed the amount needed for the school day.

Since Eagle County Schools operates in a system that does not have a Registered Nurse in each building's health office, these measures follow the recommendations of the Colorado Department of Education, and will allow the health assistant/school staff to safely meet the medication needs of students. Thank you for your cooperation.

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