



Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District

MEDICATION POLICY

The Southwick Regional School District follows the laws and regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in the formulation of medication policies to ensure the health and safety of children who need medication during the school day. The following forms must be on file in your child's health records before any medication can be administered.

The forms are available from the nurse or may be downloaded from the district website.

1. A signed consent by parent or guardian to give medicine.
2. A signed medication order completed by your child's licensed prescriber (physician, nurse practitioner, etc.).

The policies include over the counter medications such as acetaminophen, cough drops and ointments. Medicines must be in a pharmacy or manufacturer-labeled container. Students are not permitted to transport any medicine to or from school. Medicines must be delivered and picked up by a responsible adult. No more than a thirty-day supply should be delivered to the school. **It is necessary to obtain new orders and parental permission every year.** Any medications not picked up by the last day of school will be destroyed. If a student needs to self-carry an epi-pen or asthma inhaler they still require orders and consent forms.

The school nurse may not administer any medications, including over the counter medications, without proper orders and consents. Students are not allowed to carry medications in school, and may be referred for disciplinary action if found with medication. Please plan ahead to meet your child's medication needs. The school nurse is available to help you if needed.

Our school physician has provided medical directives for our students in grades 6-12. See the back of the emergency form.