

BALDWINSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Baldwinsville, New York 13027

GUIDELINES FOR INTERNAL MEDICATION & TUBE FEEDINGS

Occasionally it may be necessary for a student to take prescription or nonprescription medication during school hours. Since the State Education Department allows such medication to be administered only under certain conditions, the conditions are reprinted below for your convenience.

- a) The parent must give the School Nurse a signed request that the prescribed medication (or tube feedings) be administered as indicated by the physician.
- b) The parent must also provide written request, signed by the physician. Included must be information as to the dosage, frequency and the name of the prescribed medication (or tube feedings).**
- c) The parent or guardian must personally deliver the prescribed medication to the School Nurse. This is a particularly important step in preventing the possibility of children sharing medication with others on the way to school or in school. It also provides an opportunity for the Nurse to discuss the child's health problem with the parent. The student is not permitted to carry the prescription to school his/herself.
- d) Enough medication for the duration of the treatment should be delivered to the nurse by the parent or other competent adult. The medication must be in the original prescription bottle or drug store container. This medication will be kept in a locked cupboard in the health office for the duration of the treatment.**
- e) If a physician prescribes an over-the-counter medication such as non-aspirin or cough syrup, all the above steps are essential. It is not legal for anyone in our schools to administer over-the-counter medication (or tube feedings) unless it is prescribed by a physician.
- f) Students who have been diagnosed by a physician as having a severe asthmatic condition may carry and use a prescribed inhaler during the school day. Prior to permitting such use, the school health office must receive the written permission of the prescribing physician, and parental consent, based on such physician's determination that the student is subject to sudden asthmatic attacks severe enough to debilitate that student.**
- g) The parent or guardian should report immediately to the school nurse any change in the course of treatment or medication. Close and continuing communication between home and school is essential throughout the treatment process.

If you have any questions about the procedure, the Nurse at your school will be happy to talk with you.