

Medication Policy

Mathis Independent School District

MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

The Department of Health Services in Texas (DHST) and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) have specific guidelines regarding medications administered to students in school, which MISD follows.

Please contact the clinic health staff assigned to your student's campus with any questions or concerns:

PK – 3rd Elementary Campus 361-547-4106 ext. 2005
4th - 5th Intermediate Campus 361-547-2472 ext. 3005
6th - 8th Middle School Campus 361-547-2381 ext. 4005
9th -12th High School Campus 361-547-3322 ext. 5005

Only authorized district employees may administer:

- Prescription and nonprescription medication
- Herbal or dietary supplements provided by the parent if required by the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan for a student with disabilities along with physician's orders and parent consent.

In certain urgent situations, the district will maintain and administer to a student nonprescription medication, but only:

- In accordance with guidelines developed with the district's medical advisor
- When the parent has previously provided written consent to emergency treatment on the district's form.

GUIDELINES FOR BRINGING MEDICINE TO SCHOOL

Ideally, all medication should be given at home. Time schedules can often be adjusted to accomplish this. For medications given 4 or more times a day, or at a specific time, medications will be administered per MISD guidelines. Ask your pharmacist for an extra bottle with a label if school use is needed.

A parent or responsible adult must bring the medication to the school health clinic. No students except those over the age of 18 are allowed to bring in medication. If a student is found with any unauthorized drug on his/her person, it will be dealt with by the administrator of the campus. Depending on the medication found, charges may be filed for endangering himself or other Mathis students.

For medication to be given in school, our Mathis ISD forms will need to be completed and signed by parent and guardian. Over the counter medications will require a doctor's order.

Prescription medication shall contain a clear and legible label with:

- Name and address of pharmacy
- Name of patient
- Name of prescribing doctor
- Date prescription was dispensed
- Instruction for use
- Prescription number
- Any cautionary statements

Prescription medication may not be shared, even with brothers and sisters.

A date not more than two weeks prior to current date, should be on the label. Parents may be questioned if the prescription is not recent. If there is a discrepancy that may harm the student, health services staff has the responsibility to question that discrepancy, and refuse to give the medication until clarified by the doctor.

Over the Counter (OTC) medication must be provided in its original container and have a doctor's order.

Student's medication will be stored in a locked cabinet or drawer. A daily log will be kept for each student taking medication.

Teachers will be notified when their student(s) are required to take medication.

Students may not carry medication with them. The only medications allowed are rescue medications such as a rescue inhaler, epinephrine and insulin with written orders from a physician indicating student be allowed to carry and self-administer.

ASTHMA INHALERS AND EPI – PENS

A student with asthma or severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) may be permitted to possess and use prescribed medication at school and school-related events if he has written authorization from a parent and a physician. The student must demonstrate to physician and school nurse the ability to use the prescribed medication, including devices required to administer the medication. If the student has been prescribed asthma or anaphylaxis medication for use during the school day, the student and parents should discuss this with the clinic health services staff and/or campus principal.

DIABETES MANAGEMENT AT SCHOOL

In accordance with a student's Diabetic Management and Treatment plan, signed by student's physician and parent, a student with diabetes is permitted to possess and use monitoring and treatment supplies and medication at school and/or school related activities. The student's Diabetic Management and Treatment plan is to be submitted to the school before or at the beginning of each school year, upon enrollment or as soon as practicable following a diagnosis of diabetes for the student. Parent/guardian is responsible to provide all supplies, medications and snacks.

Field Trips; legal permission to administer medication is granted to employees of the school district, when authorized by the school principal or Superintendent. All medication must have written consent forms with parent/guardian signature on file.

Sample medications provided by a physician can be administered when the medication is accompanied by a written order for the medication from the student's health care provider and written permission from the child's parent or guardian.

End of school medication pick up; all medication must be picked up by a parent/guardian or responsible adult. Students are not allowed to take it home. Medication not picked up will be discarded.