

Tussey Mountain School District
Medication Policy Summary
Elementary Department

The Tussey Mountain School District recognizes that parents have the primary responsibility for the health of their children. The District recommends that medication be given in the home. Parents should discuss with the child's physician ways to arrange medication time intervals to avoid school hours whenever possible. When medication absolutely **must** be given during school hours, it can be supervised or administered at certain times.

Before school personnel can give medication, the following conditions must be followed:

1. All medication sent into school to be administered **MUST** be prescribed by your Physician except for: Aspirin, Acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (i.e. Motrin, Advil). These are the **only** non-prescription medications that will be given at school without a doctor's note. A parent note must be sent for these medications to be administered.
2. A **Parent note** must accompany all medication along with a **Physician note**.
3. Medication must be sent to school in the original container. The child's name must be on the bottle.
4. The parent should bring medication for the duration of the treatment to school unless other arrangements are made with the nurse.
5. All medication and notes must be turned into the nurse's office upon arrival to school.
6. Parents should bring medication to school. **Medications will not be sent home with students.**
7. If medication is brought to school without a permission note or form, a school employee cannot give this medication at school.
8. Students who need to use an inhaler at school may carry the inhaler with them during the school day if they meet school criteria and have the appropriate documentation on file in the nurse's office.
9. Diphenhydramine HCL (i.e. Bendadryl) may be given for emergency allergic reactions (such as insect bites/bee stings) with a parent note only, but it is encouraged that a physician's note be turned into the school also.
10. If the nurse is unavailable to give medication, medication will be given by the Principal's designee.
11. Parents may come into school and administer their child's medications at any time.
12. Epi-pens may be administered under emergency situations - refer to the **First-Aid Policy** for guidelines.