



PIQUA CITY SCHOOLS

Medication Policy

When to keep your child home from school:

- Fever greater than 100
- Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Rash of unknown origin
- Eye/Eyes red and crusty
- Severe, persistent cough



As we enter cold and flu season, students may need medications to treat the symptoms of the common cold or some other ailment during the school day, such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or cough drops. These over-the-counter (OTC) medications, along with prescription medications, require an **Authorization to Administer Medication Form** to be filled out by the student's doctor and signed by the student's parent/guardian, and returned to the school office before any medication can be taken, or given by a staff member. Students are not allowed to be in possession of **any** medication on school grounds without the proper forms being filled out, **and this includes cough drops.**

Piqua Board of Education Policy 5330 states: "Before any medication (i.e., a drug) or treatment may be administered to any student during school hours, the Board shall require a written statement from a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs ("prescriber") accompanied by the written authorization of the parent." Furthermore: "For purposes of this policy, "medication" shall include all medicines including those **prescribed** by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and any **non-prescribed (over-the-counter) drugs**, preparations, and/or remedies."



(To read the full policy, go to: www.piqua.org and search: Board Policy 5330).

Alternatives:

- Parent/Guardian or other authorized adult may come to the school to administer the medication.
- Hard candies, such as peppermints or Jolly Ranchers, can be just as effective as a cough drop and do not require any special paperwork.
- For older students, who have asthma or need an EpiPen due to severe allergies, there is a form to "self-carry" for inhalers and EpiPens. All other medication needs to be kept in the office, and may not be kept in a backpack, purse, etc.

All Authorization to Administer Medication Forms can be obtained from the school's main office or school nurse. If you have any questions related to illness or medications, please feel free to contact the school's nurse.

IS IT A COLD OR FLU?

Signs and Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Symptom onset	Gradual	Abrupt
Fever	Rare	Usual
Aches	Slight	Usual
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate	Common
Headache	Rare	Common

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