

## **Wisconsin State Law Regarding Taking of Medication in Schools**

### **I. Physician Prescribed Medications**

Parents who have children requiring medication at school shall provide a written statement from the physician regarding the name, dosage, and possible side effects of the prescribed medication. The parent or guardian will fill out and sign the school medication form and provide the medication in the original pharmacy labeled medication bottle.

### **II. Nonprescription Medications**

Designated personnel will administer nonprescription (over-the-counter) medication only with parental approval as indicated by written consent on the school medication form.

If a child is old enough to be responsible for self-administration of prescription and non-prescription medications, and it is deemed acceptable by appropriate persons, he/she may take the medications sent by the legal guardian, without the supervision of school personnel, using the following procedure:

The child should only bring enough medication for one day.

1. The legal guardian must send a signed note to the school which grants the child permission to self-administer medication.
2. This signed note is to be taken to the front office and be initialed and carried with the person taking the medication that day.

School personnel should under no circumstances administer aspirin or any other medication without complying with the above criteria. Diagnosis and treatment of illnesses are never responsibilities of a school and should not be practiced by school personnel.