

MEDICATIONS

The South Portland School Department recognizes the fact that while medications ideally should be administered at home, it is sometimes necessary for a student to receive medications during the school day. Be aware that no medications will be accepted or given by school personnel without a completed form. This pertains to perscription medications as well as all over-the-counter medications.

Because administering medications to your child at school takes away classroom time, and because medication may be administered by a non-licensed person in school, we request that all medication be given at home before and after school if possible.

“3 times a day” does not necessarily mean a dose at school. Any medication that needs to be taken 2 -3 times daily can and should be managed at home, ie: antibiotics directed to be given 3 times a day are most effective spread over a 24 hr. period (upon arising, after school, and bedtime). Please consider not sending over-the-counter medications, ie:cold medications and cough drops. A single dose in the morning and a dose upon return from school should be sufficient. If your child is unable to get through the day without a mid-day dose, he/she may be too ill to be in school. Symptoms of communicable illnesses are a concern for staff and classmates.