

Walton Central School District

Walton, New York

Medication and Emergency Care Plan Information for Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Date: June 14, 2012

This letter is in regard to medication administration for your child. As the school year comes to a close, I would appreciate your assistance in reviewing the items below.

End of This Year: Medication Pick Up

Please pick up any remaining medication before June 22, 2012 from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm. New York State Law prohibits storage of medications over the summer. Medication that is not picked up by that date will be appropriately discarded.

For Next School Year: Medication Order Form

New medication orders are required each year. All medications including non-prescription drugs given in school require an order written by a licensed prescriber. **If your child uses an inhaler, it is helpful to request the pharmacy to label the inhaler itself, not just the box. A spacer is also recommended** as this assists your child in receiving the medication correctly.

Emergency Care Plans and Asthma Action Plans (ECP's) for Next Year

If your child has a severe allergy and requires the use of emergency medications such as Benadryl, Epi-Pen or inhalers, an updated emergency care plan (ECP) is required each year. We request that your health care provider complete the attached Emergency Care Plan/Asthma Action Plan. Medication orders can be written directly on this form. **A separate medication form is not required for medications listed on the ECP.**

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS REGARDING EPINEPHRINE AND BENADRYL

Twinject – The first dose is an auto-injector and the second dose is a standard syringe so an unlicensed person can give the first dose only. On a field trip a teacher could not administer the second dose.

Epi-pen – The American Academy of Pediatrics recommended dose for most children 33-55 lbs. is 0.15mg dose, and for children 55 lbs. or more 0.30mg dose. Please discuss the correct dose for your child with your health care provider.

Benadryl – A student must be self-directed (know why and how much Benadryl to take) in order for an unlicensed person (non RN) person to assist them with taking it on a field trip.

Please submit the completed form(s) for the next school year to the school health office by September 5, 2012. All forms may be downloaded from our website at www.waltoncsd.org. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have questions. Have a great summer!

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