

Citrus County Public Schools’ Health Services

Medication Policy

The appropriate Citrus County Public Schools’ personnel will be authorized to assist the student(s) in the administration of prescription medication according to the Florida Statute 1006.062 and Citrus County School Board Policies 5.62 and 5.621. Over the counter (OTC) medication will be handled in the same manner as prescription medication and require a physician order.

Medications should be administered at school only if it is necessary to give the medication during school hours. For example, a medication given three times a day could be given before school, after school, and at bedtime.

All medications must be properly labeled from the pharmacy and in the original container. A separate medication authorization form is required for each medication administered. The Florida Department of Health requires the prescription bottle to be the most recent prescription possible and be within the expiration date. An adult must bring all medication to the school.

Medicines and treatments considered outside medical protocols, such as herbal treatments for ADD/ADHD, caffeine pills, aloe for burns, and meat tenderizer for bee stings require a physician’s note.

Students shall not carry any medications including Tylenol, eye drops, cough drops, etc. Florida Statute 1002.20 provides that students may carry a metered dose inhaler, epinephrine auto-injectors diabetic supplies and equipment, and pancreatic enzyme supplement at school **with** the permission of their physician and parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s). A special permission form must be completed and any metered dose inhaler, epinephrine auto-injector, diabetic supplies and equipment, and pancreatic enzyme supplement must be labeled with the student’s name.

Citrus County Schools Medication Authorization Forms are available in each school’s clinic or online at www.citrus.k12.fl.us under the **Parents** tab listed under **School Health Services**.