

Rosewood Elementary

Health Room News 2021-2022

Important Reminders regarding medication at school

IF POSSIBLE, THE PARENT SHOULD GIVE MEDICATIONS BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL HOURS.

*All medications require a permission form to be completed prior to the medication given. The medication form is on the district website and the Rosewood website.

Prescription medications require the signature of the healthcare provider AND the parent/guardian BEFORE it can be given at school. Prescribed medications should be in the properly labeled container from the pharmacy, including the name of the student, name of the drug and the time to be given.

Over the counter medications such as Tylenol/Advil require the signature of the parent/guardian. These medications **MUST** be in the original container and the permission forms completed to coincide with the label instructions and age recommendations.

*Initial doses of a medication that a child has never taken before should NOT be given on a school day.

*A separate form must be completed for each medication.

*Space for medication storage in school settings is limited; therefore, to the extent possible, medication quantities to be stored at school should be limited.

*Prescriptions must be renewed at the beginning of each school year.

*Schools may decline to administer certain medications if deemed inappropriate for a school setting.

*Medications that make students drowsy and unable to participate in educational activities may not be appropriate for school administration.

*A responsible adult should deliver the medicine and permission form to the school. The medicine must be in the original container with the manufacturer's label intact.

*The school does NOT stock any medications; therefore, you must bring in any medication that is necessary for your child.

*Students cannot transport medication home at the end of the day. If the student needs the medication after school hours, a responsible adult **MUST** pick up the medication.

*Please do not send medication in your child's pocket, lunch box or wrapped in foil, saran wrap or plastic bags to be given/taken.

*Parents must count medications with the school nurse when bringing in controlled substance medications.

SCREENINGS:

Many children will receive a hearing, vision, dental and height/weight screening during the school year. If the results show that your student needs additional screening, you will receive a referral form from the school nurse. If you DO NOT wish for the screenings to be done, please contact the school nurse the first two weeks of school. Screenings start early! If you think that your student is having difficulty in one of these areas and would like for them to be screened, please make me aware. I will be happy to screen/rescreen any and all students.

OTHER REMINDERS:

*Please remember to update/keep your contact information current. If any of these change during the school year, we should be the first place you call. When a student becomes ill or injured, the school will notify you or the alternate contact person to come and pick up the student. It is VERY important that we have the name and phone number of someone (who has agreed) that we can reach during school hours if an emergency occurs. These phone numbers MUST be kept up to date. If your child has any changes in health status (injuries and/or surgeries included) during the school year, please notify the nurse.

*The health room is a stepping stone to getting your student back to class or home when they are sick or injured. It is not for students requiring extended care or for students who want to sleep because they didn't get enough sleep during the night.

*Richland County School District One students adhere to the DHEC School Exclusion list. Copies of the DHEC Exclusion list can be found on the DHEC website. The Rosewood website has a direct link to the DHEC website. Copies of the School Exclusion List are available outside the health room door.

*Student concerns are triaged upon arrival to the health room with the goal of the student returning to class as quickly as possible to continue his/her educational activities.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or your student.

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