



Middlesex

MEDICATION POLICY

Students may keep over the counter medications in small amounts in their rooms. Prescription drugs brought to school by students or prescribed while school is in session must be in their original pharmacy containers. Certain prescription medicines may be kept in students' rooms, but the *Health Center must know of all medications prescribed to both boarding and day students*. For boarding students, the Health Center can authorize students to keep some or all of their medication in the dorm room if deemed appropriate. Of significant concern are the regulations regarding controlled medications. Because of the potential for abuse or illegal handling, all controlled medications must be kept in and dispensed from the Health Center. Please read the additional information below if your child will be taking stimulants, narcotics, tranquilizers, antidepressants or anti-anxiety medication while at school. **Please note that all prescriptions must have a prescribing provider written order** (See under section named "To be filled out by your primary care provider"), and a new order must be completed for any dose changes. New orders must be on file for each new school year.

There are concerns regarding controlled substances, including the safe use of stimulants, psychotropics, narcotics, tranquilizers and other potentially dangerous and addictive medication. To that end, our policy requires that students receive each dose of all such medication at the Health Center. Students are responsible for coming to the Health Center to receive their medication. Should your prescribing provider place your son or daughter on such medication, you must inform the Health Center and the distribution of this medication must be coordinated through our clinical staff.

RE: ALL STIMULANT PRESCRIPTIONS: Prescriptions for ongoing stimulant medication (Ritalin, Concerta, Focalin, Adderall, Dexedrine or their generic equivalents) may be processed at the West Concord Pharmacy. In the interest of accuracy and safety, all doses ingested are observed by the nurse. **Do not give medication to your child to deliver to the Health Center.** Students shall not have any these medicines in their possession at School. **For parents who are healthcare providers, stimulants may not be prescribed by a parent nor may the prescription medication form be signed by a parent.** For details regarding the handling of medications over vacations or extended periods of time away from school, see the Medication Dispensing Permission on the Permissions form. All information will remain confidential and available only to those involved in your child's care who need to know, which may include the Health Committee, advisors, dorm faculty, administrators, etc. **Failure to observe and comply with this policy may lead to disciplinary action.**

Please understand that we will do whatever we are able to ensure safe, appropriate medication use by your child. Feel free to request more extensive medication policy information, including procedures for communication and compliance.

See reverse side for the Prescription Medication Form

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