

CARDINAL PACELLI SCHOOL MEDICATION POLICY

ORC 3313.713.

If possible, medications should be taken at home. Please consult with your physician to adjust medication schedules around school hours. When it becomes necessary that medication be administered during school hours, the following guidelines must be followed:

- All school personnel must be informed that the administration of any drug (prescription or over-the-counter) without the order of the physician and/or the permission of the parent/guardian could be interpreted as practicing medicine, and is prohibited by law.
- The principal shall designate school personnel to administer medication, if the health personnel is not available. All unlicensed school personnel that have been designated by the administration to administer medication to students must complete a medication administration training program conducted by a licensed health professional.
- An accurate record of all medication administered must be kept on file. (ODH equivalent of a Medication Documentation Record or Checklist for the Administration of Medication). One form per medication.
- Any unused medication not picked up by a parent, at the end of the school year, will be disposed of according to FDA guidelines.
- A parent/guardian must inform the school if a student is taken off medication or will no longer receive it at school.
- All medication must be kept locked up until needed.
- Field trips are considered an extension of the school day so all medication policies/procedures apply.
- A Medication Inventory Record must be used to document medication received by school.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION:

1. The Medication Administration Record (MAR), signed by the prescriber AND parent, must be obtained before any prescription medication may be administered by school personnel. This form can be found in Renweb.
This form must be submitted each school year. **Similar forms from physicians' offices are acceptable if the information required is the same as our MAR.**
2. Medication along with MAR (can be faxed) should be brought in by parent/guardian. **Students may not bring in medication.** Medication must be in original containers (childproof) and have an affixed label including the student's name, name of the medication, dosage, route of administration, time of administration, and labeled by the pharmacy or physician.
3. Parent and Prescriber Request/MAR forms must be submitted

each year. No forms or medication carry over to the following school year.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION:

1. Non-prescription Medication/Over-the-Counter Medication, in a dosage consistent with dosages on the packaging, may be given if a Medication Administration Record is on file. This form can be found in Renweb. A physician's signature is not required.
2. OTC Medication must be brought in by parent/guardian in its original container. Label medication with student's name.
3. Parent Request/MAR forms must be submitted each year. No forms or medication carry over to the following school year.

INHALER/EPINEPHRINE:

1. Summary of inhaler law (Am. sub. H.B. 121) and epinephrine auto injector law (ORC 3313.718): These laws permit a student to carry asthma inhalers and epi-injectors with consent of the physician and parent/guardian. In addition, the bills grant immunity to school districts, community schools, and chartered non-public schools, and their employees for good faith actions in connection with this permission.
2. Cardinal Pacelli reserves the right to determine, along with the physician and parent, which child should be able to carry own inhaler or epinephrine pen.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is committed to providing the most optimal educational environment for all students attending the elementary and high schools of the diocese. Drug abuse is a significant problem throughout our society, and it can have devastating consequences, particularly on young people. Thus, many schools have implemented mandatory random drug testing programs.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati maintains a policy of zero tolerance for students' use of marijuana, in particular due to its continued criminalization under federal law. Therefore, any student who uses, possesses, sells, distributes, purchases, or is under the influence of marijuana may be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion. For purposes of clarity, this policy applies in all respects and with equal force regardless of whether a student holds a prescription or recommendation from a health care provider and regardless of a student's status as a medical marijuana cardholder under Chapter 3796 of the Ohio Revised Code. A positive drug test for marijuana will be treated the same as a positive test for any other illegal or controlled substance.