

## **STUDENT MEDICATION POLICY**

The Gorham School Committee is committed to ensuring the safety of all students who may require medications at school. To ensure safe practice this medication policy was developed with the intention of keeping students requiring essential medications in school without placing undue burden upon those responsible for their care.

Medications will not be administered without the written consent of both the parent and the student's physician. The physician should concur that the administration of a medication during school hours is necessary for the health of the student.

The physician order must include:

- the medication, route, and dosage
- frequency
- the length of time to administer the medication (no longer than the current school year)
- medication side effects
- the medical personnel to notify in case of an untoward effect of the medication

In the interest of maintaining students' health, nurses may ask the parent to seek a physician's advice if the use of over-the-counter medication is prolonged or may be inappropriate.

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