MEDICATION POLICY

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Students are NOT allowed to self-carry or self-dispense prescription medication. Prescription medication is any medication which requires a physician order. There are two exceptions to this regulation:

a) Inhalers or
b) Epi-Pens

***See notations below re: inhalers/Epi-Pens

Please see the Thompson School District Medication Permission form for any prescription which will need to be dispensed from the Health Office. The Health Aide will assist you in obtaining a physician signature via FAX if you provide a name/phone # of the prescribing physician.

INHALERS

Students are allowed to self-carry a rescue (Albuterol) inhaler ONLY if they provide ALL information contained in the Asthma Packet. As with other prescription medications, the Health Aide is willing to obtain a physician signature via FAX if you provide a name and phone # of the physician who prescribes the inhaler.

***NOTE: The Self-carry contract requires a parent signature. Parents agree that they will make certain that the inhaler has not expired. An expired inhaler will NOT be effective in managing an asthma episode.

Students who are negligent about following through with their contract agreement will forfeit the right to self-carry their rescue inhaler.

EPI-PENS

Students are allowed to self-carry their Epi-Pen, however the Health Office would wish to encourage a back-up Epi-Pen to be placed in the Health Office.
OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

Students are allowed to self-carry a SINGLE DAY’S dose of an over-the-counter medication.

Parents will need to complete the “Contract for Student’s Carrying Medications with them at School”. This contract will need to be completed on a yearly basis.

Please observe the following regulations:

1) **ONE** day’s dosage (two to four pills).
2) In the ORIGINAL container (Not a baggie, Tupperware, foil wrapper, lunch bag, pocket, sock, lip-stick tube, or any other receptacle). Small packets/containers of OTC medication are readily available in grocery stores.
3) A self-carry contract signed by both student and parent will be submitted to the Health Office. Parents, PLEASE specify the name of the medication and how many tablets they should take at each dosing.
4) The student will NOT give their medication to any other student. If they are caught doing so, their right to self-carry medication will be revoked.

*IF* you feel that your child is going to need over-the-counter medication on a frequent basis, you may provide the school with a full bottle of medication accompanied by a Thompson School District Medication Permission form. Please provide the name/phone number of your child’s medical provider so that a physician signature may be obtained via FAX.

**ILlicit DRUGS**

No illicit drugs are allowed on the school campus. Administrative action will be taken if a student is found to have illicit drugs in their possession.