



GRAPEVIEW SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of our wonderful Gator students:

We are clearly in the cold/cough season. This is a reminder that if your child is ill (fever, diarrhea, or vomiting), please keep them home for their personal recovery and to avoid spreading the illness.

When your child is less ill, we hope to see them at school. However, we are asking that you do not send students with medication. This does include simple, over-the-counter medications such as Ibuprofen or Cough Drops. (Non-medicated cough drops, such as Luden's, may be administered following the protocol listed below.)

District policy states:

3416 MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Under normal circumstances prescribed oral medication and oral over the counter medication should be dispensed before and/or after school hours under supervision of the parent or guardian. Oral medications are administered by mouth either by swallowing or inhaling.

If a student must receive prescribed or non-prescribed oral medication from an authorized staff member, the parent must submit a written authorization accompanied by a written request from a licensed physician or dentist. If the medication will be administered for more than fifteen consecutive days, the physician or dentist must also provide written, current and unexpired instructions for the administration of the medication.

This policy is based on Washington Law: RCW 28A.210.260.

I am sorry for any hardship this may place on your family. If you wish to have your children take medication during the day, but do not have the written request from a licensed physician or dentist, you (or your designee) may come to school to give them the medication.

If you have any questions and/or would like to speak with me about this policy, please email me at jbean@gsd54.org, call the school to speak with me, or set up an appointment.

Thank you,

Josie Bean

If you would like to send non-medicated cough drops (such as Luden's) to school with your child, please follow this protocol:

1. Write a note giving the office permission to administer non-medicated drops to the child.
2. Have your child bring the drops to the office first thing in the morning.
3. Include dosage instructions within the note (i.e. give as needed, etc.) and sign and date the note.

Thank you for your time.