

[Requirements for medication administration in schools](#) (click on link for detailed policy):

Under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 105 CMR-210, a licensed nurse must have a medication order from a licensed prescriber in order to administer any medication, whether it is a prescription drug or an over-the-counter medication. The following policy applies in the Northborough-Southborough School District.

School policy prohibits students from carrying medications, either prescribed or over-the-counter, on their person or having them in their possession without prior approval of the school nurse.

The school physician provides a standing medication order that allows the administration of specific over the counter medications (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, cough drops, TUMS, Refresh Eye Drops, Caladryl lotion, insect repellent and sunscreen) with parental permission (**completed as part of the PowerSchool returning student online form**). Students who are 18 years of age, or older, will not need parental permission to obtain the medications as ordered.

For your student to be able to receive medication while in school we will need:

1. A **medication order** from a **licensed prescriber** in order to administer the medication, whether it is a prescription drug or an over-the-counter medication. This written order must be signed and dated for a closed period of time and include instructions for dispensing.
2. A parent/guardian must fill out and sign this [Parent/Guardian Permission/Medication Administration Plan \(MAP\)](#).

The order and form can be emailed to the School Nurse at arhsnurses@nsboro.k12.ma.us or faxed to 508-393-2129

3. Medications must be brought to the nurse by the parent or guardian in the original properly labeled container (please make sure it does not expire within the school year). We can only accept a maximum of a 30 day supply of medication at a time.

Please call (508-351-7010 x1233 & x1234) or email the school nurse to schedule a time to drop off the medication.

Each school calendar year requires a new written order from the licensed prescriber and written parent/guardian request for the dispensing of the medication.

The school nurse shall not administer the first dose of any medication (except rescue medications for seizure activity, potential overdose, anaphylaxis, diabetic hypoglycemic emergency).

Epi-pens and inhalers may be carried by students and/or stored in the Health Office, with a **written order from a licensed prescriber**, this [signed parent/guardian permission/medication administration plan](#), and this [consent for self administration form](#) on file in the Health Office. We encourage students participating in after school extracurricular activities to carry their Epi-pen/inhaler on them.

For short term prescription medication, those requiring administration for ten (10) school days or less, the pharmacy labeled container may be used in lieu of a prescriber's order. If the nurse has a question, a written order from a licensed prescriber may be requested.