



Grace Classical Academy School Health and Medication Policy

For the safety of our students Grace Classical Academy requires the following:

A current copy of each student's **Immunization Record** (must be current/updated with each new vaccine). The school can provide a copy of this form or you may request it from your child's physician. Harford County Health Department makes regular audits to be sure all students are in compliance. If your child receives any new immunizations please provide the school with an updated copy.

Record of **Physical Examination/Health Assessment** (each student must have one on file). This is a two part form; Part 1 is to be filled out by the parent/legal guardian and Part 2 is to be filled out and signed by the student's physician.

Any medication that a student may need during the school year, whether prescription or over the counter (ie: Tylenol, Advil, allergy medication, eye drops, cough/cold medication, itch/rash cream, etc.) must be brought to the school office by the parent to be signed for. (Medication may not be sent with the student.) Over the counter medication must be in the original packaging marked with the student's name and grade on the package. Prescription medications must be in the original pharmacy issued container labeled with the student's name and dosage printed on it. **ALL medications above MUST be accompanied by the *Maryland State School Medication Administration Authorization Form*** (provided by the school or your child's physician). **We are not permitted to dispense any medication to your child without the completed form.** If you think your child will be in need of any sort of over the counter medications throughout the school year, it's best to ask their physician at their annual check-up to fill out the forms for you and send them to school with those medications in the beginning of the school year so they will be on hand for your student, as we are not permitted to dispense any medication without the authorization form and your provided medication. Please do not combine medications on the form, fill out one form per medication. All medications are kept safely locked in the school office as per the regulations set forth by the Maryland State Health Department.

*Cough drops and suntan lotion are the only exception to over the counter medications, but we do require a note from the parent to be sent in along with the cough drops/lotion in their original package marked with your student's name and grade. Students are not permitted to share suntan lotion due to allergies.

Epi- Pens and Inhalers:

Any student that requires an epi-pen or an asthma inhaler is required by the Maryland State Health Department to submit their "**Allergy Action Plan**" (epi-pens)/ "**Asthma Action Plan**"(inhalers) from their child's doctor in addition to the **Medication Administration Authorization Form**. We are not permitted to dispense either of the above without the Action Plan Form. If a student is to **self-carry** an epi pen or inhaler it must be documented by the child's doctor on the form and agreed upon by the school administration that the child is able to responsibly self-carry. If the student dispenses either of the medications above on their own, they must inform the teacher so it can be documented in the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation in complying with the above policies.