

Medications

All medications and medication forms should be handed to administration. Medications should never be left in the child's cubby or be taken to your child's classroom. Our staff will ensure that the medication is recorded along with the directions and proceed to dispense the medication as directed.

Prescription medications will be given only when medically necessary. When possible, please have your child's physician adjust the medication schedule in order for medication to be given at home. If this is not possible, we will dispense medications providing the following criteria is met:

- Medication must be in the original container, clearly labeled with a prescription label with the child's name, specific times, and specific amounts to be given and the expiration date (prescription medications CANNOT be shared between siblings)
- Refrigerated medications must be cold when we receive it or we cannot administer it.
- Children on long term medications such as Ritalin or Albuterol will need a doctor's note on file along with parental permission. Please get this form from our facility for your child's physician. This form can be completed for 6 months at a time.
- Children on short term medication will need a parental permission form completed. This form can be used for medication for 10 days.

Over-the-counter Medication

Early Challenges allows over-the-counter pain relievers for the following occasions:

- Teething or immunization reactions: In these cases, parents must provide a doctor's note stating the child requires a pain reliever to alleviate symptoms of teething or immunizations.
- Non-contagious children who are recovering from an illness and a pediatrician advises and OTC drug to alleviate symptoms. In this case, a note from your child's physician is required.

Topical Ointments and Sprays

Diaper rash creams, sun block, and insect repellent are not considered medication and can be administered. Parents must sign an administration form informing us of any known adverse reactions prior to use. Please see your child's teacher for this form.