

Lake Superior Zoo School

Medication Administration

It is not the responsibility of Lake Superior Zoo or its employees to prescribe drugs, medications, or home remedies. Medications should be administered at home under the supervision of the parent/guardian when possible. However, some students require administration of medications to be performed during the regular preschool day. In those situations, the following procedure will be followed:

Parent/Guardian Needs to Bring the Medication to School

Prescription Medications

Before any prescription medication will be dispensed by school staff, an *Administration of Prescription Medication form* signed by the child's medical provider and the parent/guardian of the student must be on file with the preschool director. The forms are available on the LSZS website and from the child's teacher and/or preschool director. Prescription medications **must** be provided in an original pharmacy container with a current label. Prescription medications brought to preschool in any other container will not be administered. Questions regarding dosage and administration of the medications will be directed to the prescribing physician or the parent/guardian, at the discretion of the preschool staff. Medications will be administered only after questions have been resolved.

Over-the-Counter Medications

Parent/guardians must complete and sign an *Administration of Over-the-Counter Medication form* before preschool staff will administer over-the-counter medications such as sunscreen, bug spray, or lotion. Over-the-counter medications must be provided in the original labeled container. Over-the-counter preparations will only be administered to a child according to the label directions, unless contrary written directions from a physician are provided via a submitted Administration of Prescription Medication form signed by the child's medical provider.

Unused Medications

When use of a medication has ceased, or is no longer needed by the student, it will be returned to the parent/guardian.

Expired Medications

Expired medications will **not** be administered to a child. Expired medications, including over-the-counter medications, will be returned to a parent/guardian or destroyed.

ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION DURING THE PRESCHOOL DAY

Child's Name _____ DOB _____

Medication Expires: _____ Last date to be given _____

Parents of children requesting that any prescription medication be administered during preschool hours by LSZS staff are requested to provide for LSZS:

- 1) the physician's order,
- 2) a parental signature, and
- 3) medication supplied in the original container with the child's and medical provider's names printed on the label. If possible, ask for prescription medication to be divided in two bottles completely labeled - one for home and one for preschool.

Physician's Order for Administration of Medication by LSZS Personnel

I have prescribed the following medication for this child and request that dosages be given during preschool hours:

Medication Name _____

Dose _____ Route/Method (e.g. by mouth or topically) _____

Area of body for application _____

Time to be given _____ For treatment of _____

Possible side effects _____

Special Instructions _____

Other medications taken at this time _____

Medication **ALLERGIES** _____

Print physician's name _____

Physician signature _____ Date _____ Phone _____

Parental Request for Administration of Prescription Medication

I request this medication be given as prescribed and I give Lake Superior Zoo School staff the authority to communicate with the ordering physician about this medication. I release LSZS personnel from any liability in the administration of this medication at LSZS.

Please check appropriate space below:

____ Keep this medication at LSZS ____ Send this medication home each evening

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

To promote safety for your child, medication information will be shared with LSZS staff caring for your child and with 911 personnel, if they are called.