

Dear Parents,

As of March 1, 2011 a new State Law goes into effect regarding the dispensation or application of medications to students. From Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website:

“2009 Wisconsin Act 160 requires the department to approve training in administering nonprescription drug products and prescription drugs to pupils by school personnel or volunteers.”

This law is meant to protect individual and schools in compliance with Act 160 from civil liabilities resulting from dispensing or applying the medication to students.

Changes were made to this law. These changes are effective immediately and are bolded and underlined in the document below.

How does this affect our families?

According to State Law, Act 160, Morning Star Lutheran will follow these guidelines for dispensing any medicine at school. Our Medication at School Policy will read:

1. Parents are required to sign authorization forms each year for their child to receive medication at school.
2. **Parents need to sign in the unopened medication in the original packaging to the school office.**
 - Students are not to keep any type of medication in their backpacks or desk.
 - The medication will not be opened until the staff member needs to dispense the medication.
 - Prescription medication will be checked in and out daily if needed.
3. **Training is required for staff to administer a prescription or non-prescription drug if it is injected or inhaled.**
4. **Students may use an epinephrine auto-injector. The school needs a written approval on file from a medical professional and a legal guardian. School officials are required to call “911” after an incident due to a high rate of secondary reactions.**
5. Each **Family** may provide their own unopened medication in the original packaging. This includes ibuprofen, cough drops, cough syrup, etc. All medications being stored at school should be placed in a zip lock bag with the **Family** name clearly labeled on the bag.
 - Medication needs to be labeled by **Family** name with clear dosing instructions for each individual child. Without dosing instructions, medication can't be dispensed.
6. Staff at school will keep logs of the medication dispensed to each individual student.
7. All medication will be returned at the end of the school year.

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