



**SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (GSSM)
MEDICATION POLICY**

1. GSSM requires notification of all medications (prescription and over-the-counter) needed by students.
2. Prescription medications will be retained by the nurse, and given only by a health care professional or designated trained staff member. Each prescription medication must be accompanied by a "**GSSM Prescription for School Administration of Prescription Medication**" filled out and signed by your child's prescribing health care provider.
3. Specific prescription medications may be designated as "self-administered" medications after review by the School Nurse. These medications may be retained by the student upon written authorization from the parent or legal guardian for the student to self-monitor and self-medicate and a written statement from the student's health care practitioner who prescribed the medication verifying that the student has a medical condition and has been instructed and demonstrates competency in self-monitoring or self-administration of medications, or both, and are generally limited to the following, unless otherwise required by a student's individual health care plan, Section 504 Plan, or comparable law or regulation:
 - a. Insulin
 - b. Topical creams/lotions
 - c. Eye/ear drops
 - d. Inhalers/Nebulizers
 - e. Nasal sprays
4. Limited over-the-counter (OTC) medications may be retained by the student **after review** by the School Nurse. **Controlled OTCs (kept in the nurses' office) include, but are not limited to:**
 - a. Robitussin DM (or generic equivalent with dextromethorphan)
 - b. Cold/Sinus medication containing pseudoephedrine or phenylephrine or dextromethorphan
 - c. Any medication with Diphenhydramine/Benadryl
 - d. Melatonin

Purchased OTC medications may be self-administered and are to be taken in accordance with the medication label or package insert, unless prescribed otherwise, in writing, by a health care provider. The parent/guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless GSSM and its employees and agents against a claim arising from a student's self-monitoring or self-administration of medication.

5. A limited number of OTC medications will be available in the Health Services office and given in accordance with the Standing Orders prescribed by the Chief of Staff, Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center. In addition, your child must have an "**Authorization for School Administration of Non- Prescription Medications**" form on file in the Health Services office, signed by your health care provider and you.
6. Requests from parents/guardians for administration of experimental medications and herbal/alternative medicinal products at GSSM will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the School Nurse and the School Administrators.
7. As specified by GSSM policy:
 - a. All prescription medications and controlled OTC medications must be locked in the nurse's office, except those designated as "self-administered". The prescription and controlled OTC medications will be dispensed on a daily, or as needed basis – depending on the medication and each individual student's needs. **All prescription medications** must be accompanied by "**GSSM Permission to Administer Prescription Medications**", signed by your health care provider and you.
 - b. The School Nurse must be notified immediately in writing by a student's parent/legal guardian and health care provider, of any new medications, changes in dosage, or eliminations/additions of a medication. This includes OTC medications. If a student purchases an OTC he/she must show it to the nurse for review.

- c. **All new medications brought to GSSM must be given to the School Nurse for review on the same day the student brings the medication to campus. If the Nurse is unavailable, the medication must be given to the Residence Life Coordinator (RLC) on duty.**
- d. Parents will be notified if a student fails to comply with the medication policy and/or his/her medication regimen. Non-compliance could result in disciplinary action.
- e. GSSM reserves the right to refuse to honor medication requests that are not consistent with professional standards (e.g. manufacturer's guidelines, Physician's Desk Reference) and/or are deemed unsafe for the school setting. If this occurs, GSSM's School Nurse, School Administrators, the prescribing health care provider, and the student's parent/guardian will discuss alternatives for meeting the student's needs.
- f. GSSM School Nurses will not dispense any ADHD medication being used as a "booster" after 5:30 p.m., unless written order by the prescribing doctor is on file stating a later time is acceptable.

**I understand that GSSM requires that I agree to the school's rules about medications before medicine will be given to my child at school.
I understand that I am responsible for notifying the school if my child's medications change in any way.**

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Day Phone Number

I understand that GSSM requires that I agree to the school's rules about medications before medicine will be given to me at school.

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Signature of Student

Date

Print Student's Name

Please bring all medication, prescription and non-prescription on move-in day. You will need it to check in, prior to getting your room key. Thank you! See you soon!

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