



# GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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### *Policies for Medication & Health Room*

*Our school strives to support each student for a successful school year. Please carefully review the following policies for the health room, medication administration, and illness. These policies are in place to protect your child's health, safety, and wellbeing. They are also required by our governing school district. All authorization forms and the illness policy can be located on the school's website or can be provided by the school upon request. Feel free to contact the school nurse to discuss any medical needs that may affect your child while at school.*

#### *Medication Policy:*

*Students are required to submit a written and signed parental and/or physician authorization form, for each medication to be administered at school, each school year. Please refer to the school's website or contact the school nurse for the appropriate authorization form. Exceptions to this policy are based on extreme medical circumstances, and will also require parental authorization. Medication needed on field trips is also covered by this policy and must be administered by an individual designated by the principal. There are separate permission forms for medication administration on field trips.*

*Medication must be delivered directly to the school nurse or other designated school employee by the student's parent or legal guardian. All medications must be FDA approved. Students are not permitted to carry/deliver medication to school. Students are not allowed to self-administer prescription or OTC medications at school. All medications (both prescription and over the counter meds) must be maintained in the Health Room and administered by the school nurse or designated personnel; only medications authorized by a physician, parent, and approved by the school to treat life-threatening conditions, are permitted for students to self-administer (see below). Any violation of this can lead to disciplinary action.*

*For your child's safety AND the safety of others, please remember:*

- ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION must have written and signed parental and physician authorization before medication can be administered at school. Prescription medications should be delivered in their original, labeled container from the pharmacy.
- ALL OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS must have written and signed parental authorization before medication can be administered at school. Over the counter medications should be delivered in their original, unopened container. Any over the counter medication given daily for longer than 10 consecutive days requires a physician's authorization.
- MEDICATIONS APPROVED FOR SELF-MEDICATION AND SELF-MONITORING are inhalers for students with asthma, insulin (pumps or injections) for diabetic students, and Epi-Pens for severe allergic reaction. Independent self-administration/monitoring of these medications also require written authorization from the physician, parent, and approval from the school. The school may refuse to allow for a student to self-administer medication or self-monitor (unsupervised) if that student is endangering their safety or the safety of another student by the misuse of their medication/medical device.
- ALL MEDICATION (prescription and over the counter) can only be administered as labeled and must be FDA approved. The school nurse/school designated person is legally required to administer only medication with FDA approval. Medication must be brought to school by a parent or legal guardian and given directly to the school nurse or designated school personnel. Students cannot deliver these to the health room. We do not administer or allow CBD oil at school.
- PARENTS are responsible for picking up expired medication and any medication left at the end of the school year, or they will be destroyed. The school nurse/school designated person will not administer any medication past the expiration date. Parents must know the expiration date of any medication brought to school and replace medication before the expiration date.

## *Contacting Parents:*

*It is important that all contact information is updated each school year. Students that have a health concern/need should report to the health room. If it is determined your child needs to be dismissed from school early due to a medical need or injury, a parent or legal guardian will be contacted. We cannot send a student home with anyone until a parent or legal guardian has been notified. Please make sure the 2022-2022 School Information for Health Room form is completed and returned to the school. If your child has an emergency or needs immediate care that cannot be provided at school, those contacts you list will be called IF we cannot reach a parent first. Please understand that this is for your child's protection.*

## *Illness Policy:*

*Please review [Staying Home from School](#) document to see specific details on when to keep your child home due to illness and when your child should return to school following an illness. Students exhibiting signs of contagious or infectious illness will be excluded from school until appropriate to return to school. Certain conditions requiring treatment from a health care provider need to be documented and provided upon returning to school. Please refer to this website that explains school exclusions. <https://www.scdhec.gov/health/child-teen-health/school-exclusion>*

*All incoming students are required to submit a copy to the school of their South Carolina Certificate of Immunization OR a copy of their South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption. This documentation is required for your child to attend our school.*

*Parents are welcome to contact the nurse or the school's administration team regarding their student's health while at school, or to discuss any of these policies. Thank you for your continued support!*

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