School Medications Program

Changes to state law and recommendations from the North Dakota School Boards Association will be leading to changes in the way medications for students are handled at Midway Public School. At first these changes may seem cumbersome but they are necessary to help ensure that medications are being safely and appropriately dispensed at Midway. This brochure attempts to explain the changes that are being made. With everybody’s cooperation, this process will work to enhance the safety of students at Midway Public School.
New Procedures
The following changes will go into effect on January 2, 2014

- The waiver that many parents signed at registration will no longer be in effect and no medications will be provided by the district. All medications must be provided by the parents/guardians.

- Medications should be delivered to the school office by a parent/guardian. When a parent/guardian cannot deliver the medication, it may be sent with the student but a parent/guardian must contact the school office in advance. The parent/guardian must also have a completed authorization form which will be available on the Midway website. Information required on the form includes:
  - Student identifying information;
  - Emergency contact information;
  - Documentation of known allergies;
  - Known medication side effects and reactions;
  - Medication name, dosage and method to be taken.

Prescription Drugs require written authorization and instructions from a health care provider detailing how, when and how long to provide the medication.

- Duration of request;
- Storage instructions;
- Authorization to self-administer if applicable;
- Confidentiality waiver.
- Consent to authorize school medication providers to dispense the medication;
- Agreement by the receiving student to comply with the rules, report any reactions to the medications and, if authorized to carry medication, keep the medication secure.

- Medications must be in the original container and labeled with important identifying information and instructions including:
  - Student’s name;
  - Date of birth;
  - Dosage information;
  - Administration instructions;
  - Storage instructions

- It’s recommended that the first dose of any new medication be administered at home for proper observation of any adverse effects.

- A new form must be submitted for each medication.