

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

The Griffin-Spalding County School System has an Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act implemented on July 9, 1989. The plan is available for public inspection in the office of the principal during normal operating hours. The system also has an ongoing program for all custodial and maintenance personnel in the identification and handling of asbestos materials.

FIRST AID

First aid supplies for students are available in the nurse's office and teachers should refer students to her for assistance.

STUDENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

Medications should be administered at home, by parents, however, the Griffin-Spalding County School Board recognizes that children may be unable to attend school without medication(s) prescribed or ordered for the treatment of injuries, illnesses, or chronic conditions. Additionally, these same children will require assistance to take their medications at school.

Communication between parents and the school staff is encouraged to help monitor the effectiveness of medication therapy and to make necessary adjustments.

The Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for the administration of any medication that is not registered at school in accordance with the procedures of this policy.

Students in grades 6-12, parents must provide written permission and instructions for administering medications. Students in grades 6-12 will be allowed to carry and take their own non-prescription medication if the parent, legal guardian, or doctor has given written permission for the student to do so. This permission form should be turned in to the school nurse's office. Students will keep a copy of this form with them when taking medication.

If the parent, legal guardian, or doctor wishes the school nurse to administer the non-prescription and prescription medication, a permission form must be filled out and on file in the nurse's office. The nurse will give the medication and keep a record of each time it is given. A copy of the written permission should also be on file in the nurse's office. Students who find it necessary to bring over-the-counter or prescription drugs to school must secure such drugs in the appropriate labeled containers in accordance with the Georgia Controlled Substance Act. *(Please see the sample medication permission form at the end of this section.)*

Medication will be secured at all times. Aspirin should not be given to students unless prescribed by a physician or supplied by the student's parent with written directions for administration.