MEDICATION

- ALL medications (prescription and over-the-counter) require a Physician's Authorization for Medication at School form to be completed and on file with the school.
- Over-the-counter medications include but are not limited to: acetaminophen, ibuprofen, allergy medications (ex: benadryl, medicated nasal sprays or eye drops), cough drops, antacids (ex: Tums, Rolaids, etc), medicated lotions or creams (ex: benadryl cream, hydrocortisone cream).
- Prescription medication must be supplied in a pharmacy labeled bottle.
- Pharmacy labels must include student identifying information, medication name, dose and administration instructions. Dose and administration instructions should match instructions on Physician's Authorization for Medication at School Form.
- Over-the-counter medications must be supplied in new, unopened bottles labeled with the student's name.
- ALL medications must be delivered to the school by a parent/guardian. Do not send medications to school with a student
- ALL medications must be checked in to the school by a parent or guardian.
- Students are not to have in their possession any kind of medication (including over-the-counter medications) while on the school grounds, unless so indicated on the Physician's Authorization.
- If a student is allowed to carry and self-administer medication, a back up medication must be kept at the school per G.S.115c-375.2.

Physician's Authorization for Medication at School Form

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- Must be completed and signed by the student's licensed healthcare provider.
- Must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- A current form must be submitted for each school year.

- A separate form must be completed for each medication administered at school.
- If any changes to medication dosage or administration instructions (time, frequency, etc) are made, a new Physician's Authorization for Medication at School form must be completed.
- <u>Physician's Authorization for Medication at School Form</u>

Illness

We realize there will be times when it is in the best interest to keep students home from school due to illness. Our goal is to provide a healthy environment for all students. Please contact the school nurse or child's healthcare provider if you are unsure if you should keep your student home. In the event that a student misses school due to illness or injury, please send an email to <u>office@cfci.net</u>. A doctor's note is required for the absence to be excused.

Your child should remain home if:

- Temperature greater than 100.4 F; may return to school when fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication
- Antibiotics are prescribed; may return after taking the antibiotic for a minimum of 24 hours and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication
- Vomiting/Diarrhea; may return when 24 hours have passed since last episode of vomiting/diarrhea without medication
- Cough that is persistent and interferes with normal activity
- Distracting pain from earache, headache, sore throat or recent injury
- The presence of lice, scabies, impetigo, inflamed eyes, rash, or lesions

Sometimes it is necessary to send a child home from school due to sickness. If your child needs to go home, we will make every effort to contact you. If, for some reason, we cannot reach you or you will be detained for some length of time, we will then contact the people you have listed on the emergency contact sheet. It is very important that you keep this sheet up-to-date.

Your child may be sent home if:

- The student's teacher sees that a child is unable to participate in school activities.
- Temperature greater than 100.4
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Cough that is persistent and interferes with normal activity
- Distracting pain from earache, headache, sore throat or recent injury
- The presence of lice, scabies, impetigo, inflamed eyes, rash, or lesions