

Possession of Over The Counter Headache Medicine in School



Summary: House Bill 1537 allows a student to possess and use a medication to relieve headaches while on school property or at a school-sponsored event or activity without a physician's note or prescription if the medication is regulated by the USDA for the over-the-counter use to treat headaches.

What does this mean for my student? Students may carry over the counter medicine for the purpose of headache management but the medicine should be in a commercially identified packaging.

What do I need to do? Review and discuss the following with your child:

- **Headache medication given to their student by a parent must stay on the child. Medication can not be distributed, dispersed or shared with other students.**
- **Clinic staff are not allowed to assist with any over the counter headache medication sent in by parent without a doctors order.**
- **Students are prohibited from ingesting or utilizing medication in a way that is not specifically directed or authorized by the manufacturer, as directed.**
- **Students are prohibited from using the medication in a way that is dangerous or disruptive to the educational environment.**
- **Violation of the above will result in loss of privileges and a level 2 discipline of medication violation.**
- **The HCSD Student Code of Conduct has been updated to reflect this addition.**