



When a Student is Prescribed Pain Medication

The school district is working with local physicians to make sure that our teenagers stay safe when using certain types of medicines (opioids). Does the medicine that your student may have been prescribed to help with pain contain opioids such as vicodin, percocet, or tylenol with codeine? Please follow the guidelines below:

- Is an adult managing these medicines - meaning is a parent giving pain pills as needed or is the student managing them himself?
- Is there a plan to switch over to non-opiate pain meds like tylenol or motrin as directed by your prescriber?
- Please remember to destroy remaining opiates after your student has finished with them. This means bringing them to your local police station or "drug take back" box.

Saving unused medicines like opiates for a "rainy day" keeps dangerous pills at home that can be tempting for a teenager. If you have medicines like this at home, they should be kept in a lockbox at all times.