

## **SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (CLINIC)**

The Henrico County Public Schools System believes that educational excellence, wellness, and health care are tied together; that children learn best when they are in sound mental, physical, emotional, and social health. In support of this philosophy, Pocahontas has a school clinic that is open 8:00 - 3:15 every day, staffed by a Registered Nurse.

Often medications need to be administered to a child during the school day. All medications must be distributed through the clinic. Parents must fill out and sign a Medication Permission Form for BOTH prescription and nonprescription medications.

**Nonprescription Medications:** The medication is to be supplied to the clinic in an unopened, original container. Any nonprescription medication to be given for more than 3 consecutive days must be authorized by a physician. If the medication dosage exceeds recommended dosage/age, a physician's note is also required.

**Prescription Medications:** A physician's order stating the name of the student, the medication, the time to be administered, the dosage, the diagnosis, and the length of time to be administered is required. All medication must be in its ORIGINAL CONTAINER or in an appropriately labeled pharmacy container. For prescribed short-term medications (less than 10 days), the prescription label on the bottle may be accepted as the physician/nurse practitioner's order. Parents must pick up all unused medications by the last day of school. Unclaimed medication will be discarded.