

Medication Policy Summary and Procedure Summary

B.O.E. Policy 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow the District's procedures on dispensing medication.

No School District employee shall administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed *School Medication Authorization Form* is submitted by the student's parent/guardian. No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this policy and its implementing procedures.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

Self-Administration of Medication: A student may possess an epinephrine auto-injector, e.g. EpiPen and/or asthma medication prescribed for use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed a *School Medication Authorization Form*. The School District shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication or epinephrine auto-injector or the storage of any medication by school personnel. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector and/or medication, or the storage of any medication by school personnel.

Medication will be provided to a student after:

1. Receipt of the "Request for Administration of Medication" authorization form, completed and signed by the licensed prescriber and the parent/guardian. This is for all medication, including prescription and non-prescription medication. This form must be completed annually.
2. Medication must be in a properly labeled container with the name of the student, the licensed prescriber, name of the medication, dosage, route, time to be given, and the pharmacy name.
3. Non-prescription medication should be in the original manufacturer's package and the student's name affixed to the container.
4. Medication has been brought to school by the parent/guardian or other responsible adult. This is to insure your child's safety and for the prevention of any loss or misuse of the medication. All medications, upon receipt, shall be counted or measured and documented.
5. In cases where the medication dosage is altered, another *Request for Administration of Medication* form must be completed or the licensed prescriber may re-write the order on his prescription pad and the parent will sign a new medication form. If a child's medication is to be discontinued -the parent/guardian and/or the licensed prescriber must notify the school in writing.
6. At the Middle Schools and High School only, acetaminophen and ibuprofen may be given to students with parent/guardian permission through the online registration process. Standing orders have been approved for use under supervision of the registered nurse.
7. No more than a 30 day supply of prescription medication for a student shall be stored at school unless there are extenuating circumstances, as determined by the registered nurse.

Self-Administration is defined as:

Situations in which students carry their own medication on their person and administer that medication to themselves during the school day (The pupil has the discretion as to the use of his or her medication), as ordered by their licensed prescriber and authorized by their parent/guardian and the School District. School District personnel do not handle this medication, nor is it stored in the school's medication cabinet/drawer. There is no documentation of where and when it was used.

Authorization for Self-Administration of Medication for Quick Reliever Asthma Medication: The following must be provided by the parents/guardians:

1. Receipt of the "Request for the Self Administration of Asthma Reliever Medication" authorization form, completed and signed by the parent/guardian.
2. A copy of the prescription label must be affixed to the request form. The label must contain the name of the medication, the prescribed dosage, and the time at which or circumstances under which the medication is to be administered.
3. As developmentally appropriate, the registered nurse will complete an asthma assessment to assess students ability to self-administer safely. The parent/guardian will be contacted if the assessment concludes that self-administration may not be safe, and an alternative plan will be developed with parents, the nurse, and, if necessary, the treating physician.

Self-Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injector or Insulin:

1. Students may carry their emergency medication on their person, and self-administer it on an "as needed" basis. These situations require a licensed prescriber's order and parental/guardian permission as indicated on the appropriate *Medication Authorization Form*, *Emergency Anaphylaxis Action Plan* or *Diabetes Medical Management Plan*.
2. As developmentally appropriate, the registered nurse will complete a self-administration of medication assessment. If the student does not show competence with the medication, the parent/ guardian and licensed prescriber will be notified. The student will be further educated about the proper purpose and proper use of the medication.
3. Permission allows the student to possess and use his or her medication while in school, while at a school sponsored activity, while under the supervision of school personnel, or before or after school activities, such as while in before-school or after-school care on school-operated property.

Disposal: The parent/guardian will be responsible, at the end of the treatment regime, for removing from the school any unused, discontinued or outdated medication which was prescribed for their child. The registered nurse will dispose of medication that is not picked up by the end of the school year.