

LITTLESTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

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	210. USE OF MEDICATIONS
1. Purpose	<p>The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed and over-the-counter medication in accordance with the direction of a parent or a family physician to a student during school hours will be permitted only when Board policy is followed. Most medications can be given at home before and after school.</p>
2. Authority	<p>Any student who is required to take medication during school hours shall have that medication administered by the school nurse or by a RN or LPN under the medical oversight of the school nurse and it shall be administered in compliance with the following guidelines.</p>
3. Guidelines	<p>For <u>prescription medication</u>, the Private Physician Authorization Form for Medication During School Hours will be required to be filled out and signed by the family physician and parent/guardian.</p> <p>For <u>non-prescription medication</u>, written instructions signed by a parent or guardian will be required on a medication label. The instructions shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child's name. 2. Name of medication. 3. Purpose of medication. 4. Time to be administered. 5. Dosage. 6. Known possible side effects. 7. Termination date for administering the medication. 8. Other instructions (with food, etc.).

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4. Responsibility	<p>No medication, including over-the-counter medications, such as ibuprofen, cough medicine, etc. will be administered by school personnel under any circumstances other than in the manner described in this policy.</p> <p>Students shall not carry medications to school themselves. All medications should be delivered to the school officials by a responsible adult. In cases of absolute necessity only, a student may be allowed to carry medication. All medications, whether prescription or non-prescription, shall be delivered in the original package, bottle or container, with the original label left intact.</p> <p>The district retains the discretion to reject requests for administration of medicine.</p> <p>A copy of this policy will be provided to parents upon request.</p> <p>The school nurse shall maintain a medication log showing the nature of the medication received, the date received, the date and time each dose was given, and the method of disposal or disposition of the medication.</p> <p>The parent or guardian shall assume the responsibility for following the correct procedure and informing the school nurse of any change in the child's health or change of medication.</p> <p>For foreseeable life-threatening emergencies resulting from known medical conditions, emergency medication may be used, according to the school physician's standing orders, with the prior verbal or written consent of the family doctor.</p>
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