

Administering Medicines to Students

If under exceptional circumstances a student is required to take oral medication during school hours, only the school nurse or the nurse's designee will administer the medication in compliance with the following regulations. **In the alternative, the parent/guardian may come to school to administer the medication.**

1. All directives of the accompanying policy will be followed.
2. Written orders from the student's physician must be on file in the school stating:
 - a. Student's name
 - b. Name of drug
 - c. Dosage
 - d. Purpose of the medication
 - e. Time of day medication is to be given
 - f. Anticipated number of days it needs to be given in school
 - g. Possible side effects
3. The medication must be brought to school in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy or physician.
4. An individual record will be kept of such prescription medications administered by school personnel.
5. Medication will be stored in a clean, locked cabinet or container.

Unless these requirements can be met, medication will not be administered at school.

Self-administration of medication for asthma, allergies or anaphylaxis

A school shall permit a student to possess and self-administer medication, such as an inhaler or epinephrine, if all of the following conditions are met:

1. Written authorization signed by the student's health care practitioner must be on file with the school which shall include the student's name; the name, purpose, prescribed dosage, frequency, and length of time between dosages of the medication(s) to be self-administered; and confirmation that the student has been instructed and is capable of self-administration of the medication.
2. The school nurse or school administrator, in consultation with the school nurse, the student's health care practitioner, and the student's parent/guardian

collaborate to make an assessment of the student's knowledge of his or her condition and ability to self-administer medication.

3. A written statement signed by the student's parent/guardian must be on file with the school, which shall include permission for the student to self-administer his/her medication and a release from liability for any injury arising from the student's self-administration of such medication.

4. A written contract between the school nurse, school administrator, the student, and the student's parent/guardian must be on file with the school, assigning levels of responsibility to the student's parent/guardian, student, and school employees.

A treatment plan authorizing a student to possess and self-administer medication for asthma or anaphylaxis shall be effective only for the school year in which it is approved.

A student shall report to the school nurse or designee or to some adult at the school immediately after the student uses an epinephrine auto-injector during school hours. Upon receiving such report from a student, the school nurse, designee, or other adult will provide appropriate follow-up care to the student, which shall include making a 911 emergency call.

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