

Code No. 507.2 ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

Some students may need prescription and nonprescription medication to participate in their educational program.

Medication shall be administered once the student's parent or guardian (hereafter "parent") returns a signed prescription medication form provided by the school nurse requesting medication administration (See 507.2E2). The medication must be in the original, labeled container either as dispensed or in the manufacturer's container. The school nurse must be notified by the parent or provide an updated prescription label if any medication changes occur.

Over-the-counter medication may be administered at school if a parent desires and the school nurse or delegated adult deems appropriate at the time of assessment. In order for this to occur, parental consent must be obtained via telephone on day of desired administration or the student must have an over-the-counter medication administration form on file (See 507.2E3). Over-the-counter medication must be provided by the parent if frequently requested and must meet guidelines outlined in 507.2E3.

When administration of the medication requires ongoing professional health judgment, an individual health plan shall be developed by the licensed health personnel. Students who have demonstrated competence in administering their own medications may self-administer their medication. A written statement by the student's parent shall be on file requesting co-administration of medication, when competence has been demonstrated. By law, students with asthma or other airway constricting diseases may self-administer their medication upon approval of their parents and prescribing physician regardless of competency.

Self-Carry/Self Administered Medications

Iowa law requires school districts to allow students with asthma or other airway constricting disease to carry and self-administer their medication as long as the parents and prescribing physician report and approve in writing. Students do not have to prove competency to the school district. The consent form, 507.2E1, is all that is required. School districts that determine students are abusing their self-administration may either withdraw the self-administration if medically advisable or discipline the student, or both.

Persons administering medication shall include the licensed registered nurse, parent, physician, and persons who have successfully completed a qualified medication administration course. A medication administration course and periodic update shall be conducted by a registered nurse or licensed pharmacist, and a record of course completion kept on file at the agency.

A written medication administration record shall be on file including:

- date;
- student's name;
- medication;

- medication dosage;
- administration time;
- administration method;
- signature and title of the person administering medication; and
- any unusual circumstances, actions, or omissions.

Medication shall be stored in a secured area unless an alternate provision is documented. Emergency protocols for medication-related reactions shall be posted. Medication information shall be confidential information.

Note: This law reflects the Iowa Department of Education's special education administrative rule regarding administration of medication. Since there are no rules addressing students not receiving special education services, IASB has written the sample policies and regulations to address all students.

Legal Reference:

§124.101(1) , Code of Iowa

§147.107 , Code of Iowa

§155A.4(2) , Code of Iowa

§152.1 , Code of Iowa

§280.23 , Code of Iowa

§280.16 , Code of Iowa

Education [281] - §41.404(3) IAC

Pharmacy [657] - §8.32 (124, 155A), IAC

Nursing Board [655] - §6.2 (152), IAC

Cross Reference:

506 Student Records

507 Student Health and Well-Being

603.3 Special Education

607.2 Student Health Services

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