

MIDD-WEST 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/or treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication/treatment to a student during school hours in accordance with the direction of a parent/guardian or family physician will be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student; the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine/treatment were not available during school hours; or medicine approved by the school physician for administration in appropriate situations would enable the student to remain in class.</p>
2. Definitions	<p>For purposes of this policy, medication shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician and any over-the-counter patent medicines including any supplements or vitamins in any form.</p> <p>Treatment shall include intermittent catheterization, dressing changes, suction of respiratory tract, and other similar procedures which a school nurse is trained and qualified to perform and which have been prescribed in writing by a licensed physician.</p>
3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.41	<p>Before any medication or treatment may be administered to or by any student during school hours, the Board shall require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annually, the written request of the parent/guardian, giving permission for such administration and relieving the Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication or provision of the treatment. 2. Annually, the written order of the prescribing physician which shall include the name of the student, the name and purpose of the medication/treatment, the dosage to be administered, the time at which or special circumstances under which the medication/treatment is to be administered, and the dates when the medication is to be administered.

4. Guidelines	<p>Only over-the-counter medications covered by Standing Orders will be given during school hours with parent consent. Any other over-the-counter medications not covered by District Standing Orders must follow prescription guidelines including physician order, parent consent and original container.</p> <p>The document shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse.</p> <p>All medications will be delivered to school in the original labeled container by a parent.</p> <p><u>Student Self-Administration</u></p> <p>To self-administer medication, the student must be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Respond to and visually recognize his/her name.2. Identify his/her medication.3. Measure, pour and administer the prescribed dosage.4. Sign his/her medication sheet to acknowledge having taken the medication.5. Demonstrate a cooperative attitude in all aspects of self-administration.
5. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the administration of medication or treatment which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide that all medications or treatments shall be administered by the school nurse, a person licensed to give medication, or self-administered by the student.2. Provide for the secure storage of all medications.3. Provide for the maintenance of documentation which shall include the name of the student to whom medication or treatment may be administered, the prescribing physician, the dosage and timing of medication or treatment, and a notation of each instance of administration and by whom given. <p>The building administrator, in consultation with the school nurse, shall be charged with the responsibility of designating school personnel who are authorized to administer this policy.</p>

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<p>Pol. 210.1</p> <p>School Code 510, 1402</p> <p>PA BD. of Nursing September 1992</p>	<p>Any training required of the school nurse or his/her designee so that any medical treatments required by a valid Individual Education Program or the exigencies of the particular case shall be the responsibility of the District.</p>
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