

	ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	NEPN Code: JLCD-R
	POLICIES AND REGULATIONS	

REGULATIONS: PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

1. Early Childhood through Grade 8 - The parent/guardian must deliver prescription medication to the school nurse or a qualified staff member.
2. Grades 9-12: Prescription medications must be delivered to the school nurse or a qualified staff member. Students may not personally carry and self-administer prescription medication.
3. Prescription medications brought to school shall be in pharmacy-labeled containers, including the student's name, the name of the drug, dosage to be taken, name of the physician and the date of the prescription. Nonprescription medication must be in the original container.
4. The school nurse or a qualified staff member will count and document all prescription medications received. The medication will be stored in a locked location. Any unused medication will be returned to the parent/guardian at the end of the school year. If the parent/guardian does not pick up the prescription medication, it will be disposed of properly. Nonprescription medication will be sent home at the end of the school year with parent permission.
5. The parent must complete the Parent Request for Assistance with Medication Form (NEPN Policy JLCD-E). In the event that written permission is not received from the parent, medication will be given for one day only, upon telephone consent.
6. It is the responsibility of the child to come to the office to take the medication. The child shall be supervised by qualified school personnel when taking medication.
7. All medications administered by qualified school staff will be documented on the "Daily Medication Recording Form." Recording should be done immediately after medications have been taken.
8. Each school shall maintain the "Parent Request for Assistance with Medication Form" and the "Daily Medication Recording Form." Parent request and recording forms will be retained at the Nurses' Office for one year and then destroyed.
9. Grades Early Childhood – Grade 8: Students **will not** be allowed to self-administer prescription or nonprescription medication with the exception of insulin which is supervised by a school nurse, or any other medication included in this policy. Students are allowed to carry and self-administer cough drops.
10. Grades 9 – 12: Students **will be** allowed to personally carry and self-administer **nonprescription** medication, providing it is in the original container. The building principal maintains the right to discontinue the privilege if the student is abusing the intent of this regulation.
11. School personnel shall not provide medications for student use.

Epinephrine

School buildings may acquire and maintain a stock of epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to a prescription issued by an authorized health care provider for use in an emergency situation of a severe allergic reaction causing anaphylaxis.

Any school nurse or staff member may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a student, in accordance with the standing protocol, if they believe that the student is experiencing anaphylaxis. Prior to administering an epinephrine auto-injector, staff members shall be trained by a licensed health care professional to:

- Recognize the symptoms of a severe allergy or anaphylactic reaction.
- Know the procedure for the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector.
- Know the procedure for storage of an epinephrine auto-injector.
- Know the emergency care and aftercare for a student who has an allergic or anaphylactic reaction.

Asthma or Anaphylaxis

Any student with asthma or anaphylaxis may possess and self-administer prescription medication if:

1. The prescription medication has been prescribed for that student as indicated by the prescription label on the medication.
2. The self-administration is done in compliance with the prescription or written instructions from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider.
3. A parent/guardian of the student provides to the school:
 - a. Written authorization for the student to self-administer the medication.
 - b. A written statement in which the parent releases the school district and its employees from liability for an injury arising from the student's self-administration of a prescription medication while at school.
 - c. A written statement from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider that states that the student has asthma or anaphylaxis and that the student is capable of self-administration. The statement should include the name and purpose of the medication, the dose, time, frequency and circumstances under which the medication can be administered, and the period for which the medication is prescribed.

Misuse

Students are prohibited from transferring, delivering or receiving any medication to or from another student. All violations will result in confiscation of the medication and subject student(s) to discipline in accordance with the District's progressive discipline policy. Students who use medication for purposes other than for its intended use will be disciplined and will no longer be allowed to carry and self-administer medications.

Definitions

Medication – All prescribed medications, all over-the counter (non-prescription medications) and all chemical/homeopathic substances and compounds, including but not limited to natural remedies, herbs and vitamins, which purport to aid in a person's health or wellbeing or to treat illness or disease.

Chemical/homeopathic substances and compounds and natural remedies, herbs and vitamins are not tested by the US Food & Drug Administration for safety or effectiveness and this lack of safety information limits their appropriate use at school. In accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics Policy Statement – Guidance for the Administration of Medication in School, these substances are subject to the same restrictions and requirements in this regulation for prescribed medications.

Self-Administration – Taking of any medication without the intervention of a school nurse or qualified staff after receiving approval through this regulation.

Emergency/Urgent – An illness or allergic reaction that requires an immediate response that if left untreated may lead to potential loss of life.

Qualified Staff Member – A licensed nurse or unlicensed assistive personnel with a minimum of a high school education or the equivalent who has completed an approved South Dakota Board of Nursing Medication Administration Training Program for Unlicensed Assistive Personnel. The principal of each school shall designate the qualified staff members who will have the responsibility to implement the guidelines of this policy.

REFERENCES:

SDCL 13-32-10 Definition of terms regarding self-administration of medication
SDCL 13-32-11 Student self-administration of prescription asthma and anaphylaxis medication
SDCL 13-32-12 Disciplinary action regarding self-administration of medication
SDCL 13-32-13 Applicability of provisions regarding self-administration of medication
SDCL 13-33A-1 School health services-Coordination by registered nurse
SDCL 13-33A-4 Stock of epinephrine auto-injectors for emergency situations.
SDCL 13-33A-5 Policy for use and storage of epinephrine auto-injectors.
SDCL 13-33A-6 Administration of epinephrine auto-injector.
SDCL 13-33A-7 Training for epinephrine auto-injector administration.
SDCL 13-33A-8 Immunity from liability for epinephrine auto-injector administration.
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