

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Under normal circumstances prescribed oral medication and oral over-the-counter medication should be dispensed before and/or after school hours under supervision of the parent or guardian. If a student must receive prescribed or over-the-counter oral or topical medication, eye drops, or nasal spray (“medication”) from an authorized staff member, the parent must submit a written authorization accompanied by a written request from a licensed health professional prescribing within the scope of his or her prescriptive authority. If the medication will be administered for more than fifteen consecutive days, the health professional must also provide written, current and unexpired instructions for the administration of the medication.

The superintendent shall establish procedures for:

- A. Delegating, training and supervision of staff members in the administration of prescribed or non-prescribed oral medication to students by registered nurse;
- B. Designating staff members who may administer prescribed or non-prescribed medication to students;
- C. Obtaining signed and dated parental and health professional request for the dispensing of prescribed or non-prescribed medications, including instructions from the health professional if the medication is to be given for more than fifteen (15) days;
- D. Storing prescribed or non-prescribed medication in a locked or limited access facility;
- E. Maintaining records pertaining to the administration of prescribed or non-prescribed medication; and
- F. Permitting, under limited circumstances, students to carry and self-administer medications necessary to their attendance at school.

Suppositories and non-emergency injections may not be administered by school staff other than registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. No medication will be administered by injection by school staff except when a student is susceptible to a predetermined, life-endangering situation. In such an instance, the parent will submit a written and signed permission statement. Such an authorization will be supported by signed and dated written orders accompanied by supporting directions from a licensed health professional. A staff member will be trained prior to injecting a medication.

If the district decides to discontinue administering a student’s medication, the superintendent or designee must provide notice to the student’s parent or guardian orally and in writing prior to the discontinuance. There must be a valid reason for the discontinuance that does not compromise the health of the student or violate legal protections for the disabled.

Administration of legend (prescribed) drugs or controlled substances by nasal spray

If a school nurse is on the premises, he/she may administer nasal spray containing a prescribed drug or controlled substance to a student. If a school nurse is not on school premises, a nasal spray containing a legend (prescribed) drug or controlled substance may be administered by: 1) a trained school employee, provided that person has received appropriate RN delegation and volunteered for the training pursuant to RCW28A.210.260; or 2) a parent-designated adult.

A parent designated adult is a volunteer, who may be a school district employee, who receives additional training from a healthcare professional or expert in epileptic seizure care selected by

the parents who provides care for the student consistent with the student's individual health plan on file with the school.

Required Notification of EMS

After every administration of any legend (prescribed) drug or controlled substance by nasal spray to a student, Emergency Medical Services (911) will be summoned as soon as practicable.

Cross Reference:	Policy 3419	Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications
Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.260	Public and Private Schools— Administration of Medication— Conditions
	RCW 28A.210.270	Public and Private Schools— Administration of Medication— Immunity from Liability— Discontinuance, procedure.
	Attorney General Memorandum (2/9/89) — Administration of Medication	

Management Resources:

<i>Policy News</i> , February 2014	Nasal Spray Added to List of Medications that May Be Administered by School Personnel
<i>Policy News</i> , August 2012	"Medication" Definition Expanded
<i>Policy News</i> , February 2001	Oral Medication Definition Expanded

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