

Students

Administering Medicines to Students

Prescription Meds

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a prescriptive medication is required to be taken by a student while at school, the health care provider and the parent must complete and sign the "Administration of medication authorization form" to be kept in the nurse's office and administered by the nurse. This prescription medication should be brought to the nurse's office by the parent in the original prescriptive container, or it can be brought directly to the nurse's office prior to the beginning of school by the student in the original container.

To aide in the safe administration of medication to the students, the school nurse(s) may determine, based on their professional judgment and recommendations by the drug manufacturer and the Physician's Desk Reference (a standard source for appropriate dosages and other information critical to safe administration of medication), whether a prescribed medication should be administered at school.

It shall be the policy of this District that the District will not knowingly administer any medication to a student if the District's nurse(s) believes, in their professional judgment, that such administration could cause harm to the student, other students, or the District itself. Such cases may include, but not necessarily limited to, situations in which the District is asked to administer medication in a dosage that exceeds the highest recommended dosage listed in the current annual volume of the Physician's Desk Reference or other recognized medical or pharmaceutical text.

In the event the nurse(s) determines that the administration of some medication could cause harm to the student, other students, or the District, the nurse shall contact the doctor who prescribed the medication to verify the dosage.

A student may possess an epinephrine auto-injector, e.g. EpiPen®, and/or asthma medication prescribed for use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed a *School Medication Authorization Form*.

Nonprescription Meds

When an over-the-counter medication is required, the parent/guardian must complete a "Medication Self-Administration Form". This non-prescriptive medication will be stored in the nurse's office and overseen by the nurse while the student self-administers the medication.

A student may transport over-the-counter medication to school in an enclosed container for self-administration in the nurse's office, but may not remove it outside of the nurse's office or administer it to another student.

A Coach/Director for an after school event may act as over-seer for self-administration of an over-the-counter medication if the parent/guardian has given permission to them by circling "Coach/Director" on the "Medication Self-Administration Form".

The school district shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication of epinephrine auto-injection, asthma inhalant medication, insulin, and/or self-administered medication that has been signed and approved by the parent/guardian, and the health care provider (for prescription medicine only), or the storage of any medication by school personnel.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

The Building Principal shall include this policy in the Student Handbook and shall provide a copy to the parents/guardians of students.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14b, 5/10-22.21b, and 5/22-30.

CROSS REF.: 7:285 (Food Allergy Management)

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