

STUDENTS

7:270 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 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 (SMA 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.

Administration of Medical Cannabis

The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act allows a *medical cannabis infused product* to be administered to a student by one or more of the following individuals:

1. A parent/guardian of a student who is a minor who registers with the Ill. Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) as a *designated caregiver* to administer medical cannabis to their child. A designated caregiver may also be another individual other than the student's parent/guardian. Any designated caregiver must be at least 21 years old and is allowed to administer a *medical cannabis infused product* to a child who is a student on the premises of his or her school or on his or her school bus if:
 - a. Both the student and the designated caregiver possess valid registry identification cards issued by IDPH;
 - b. Copies of the registry identification cards are provided to the District;

- c. That student's parent/guardian completed, signed, and submitted a *School Medication Authorization Form - Medical Cannabis*; and
 - d. After administering the product to the student, the designated caregiver immediately removes it from school premises or the school bus.
2. A properly trained school nurse or administrator, who shall be allowed to administer the *medical cannabis infused product* to the student on the premises of the child's school, at a school-sponsored activity, or before/after normal school activities, including while the student is in before-school or after-school care on school-operated property or while being transported on a school bus.
 3. The student him or herself when the self-administration takes place under the direct supervision of a school nurse or administrator.

Medical cannabis infused product (product) includes oils, ointments, foods, and other products that contain usable cannabis but are not smoked or vaped. Smoking and/or vaping medical cannabis is prohibited.

The product may not be administered in a manner that, in the opinion of the District or school, would create a disruption to the educational environment or cause exposure of the product to other students. A school employee shall not be required to administer the product.

Discipline of a student for being administered a product by a designated caregiver, or by a school nurse or administrator, or who self-administers a product under the direct supervision of a school nurse or administrator pursuant to this policy is prohibited. The District may not deny a student attendance at a school solely because he or she requires administration of the product during school hours.

Void Policy

The **Administration of Medical Cannabis** section of the policy is void and the District reserves the right not to implement it if the District or school is in danger of losing federal funding.

Administration of Undesignated Medication

Upon any administration of an undesignated medication permitted by State law, the Superintendent or designee(s) must ensure all notifications required by State law and administrative procedures occur.

Undesignated Medication Disclaimers

Upon implementation of this policy, the protections from liability and hold harmless provisions applicable under State law apply.

No one, including without limitation, parents/guardians of students, should rely on the District for the availability of undesignated medication. This policy does not guarantee the availability of undesignated medications. Students and their parents/guardians should consult their own physician regarding these medication(s).

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.14b, 5/10-22.21b, 5/22-30, and 5/22-33.

105 ILCS 145/, Care of Students with Diabetes Act.

410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, and scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2020.

720 ILCS 550/, Cannabis Control Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540.

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

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