
POLICY: MANAGEMENT OF STUDENT MEDICATION

The Barre City School District shall ensure compliance with laws and regulations governing the possession, administration and storage of prescription and non-prescription medications needed by students at school or during school sponsored activities.

Administration of Medication

1.0 The superintendent, or designee shall develop procedures governing the possession, administration and storage of medication needed by any student during the regular school day or during school sponsored activities. Procedures shall comply with the following:

- 1.1 All medication must be brought to school by a parent , guardian or adult designated by the parent/guardian.
- 1.2 Medication shall be given by the school nurse, or a person designated and trained by the school nurse, upon written orders from a physician (for prescription medication), and/or upon written request of a student's parent/guardian (for both prescription and non-prescription medication). A physician's order must detail the name of the drug, dosage, time interval the medication is to be taken, diagnosis and reason for giving.
- 1.3 Prescription medication must be brought to school in a container labeled by the pharmacy or physician and stored by the school nurse or his/her designee in a secure storage place.
- 1.4 Non-prescription medication must be brought to school in the original container with a form completed by the parent/guardian with directions on dose and time. The request must contain assurances that the student has suffered no previous ill effects from the use of the medication. Medication must be left in the custody of the school nurse

2.0 Self Administration of Medication.

2.1 A plan will be in place for children with chronic health conditions who have written authorization from the physician and parent to self medicate with immediate need medications (ie albuterol) with the following in place:

- a. paperwork will be filed in the nurses office
- b. current written orders from a physician and parent will include a release of liability.
- c. the parent/guardian will bring the medication to the nurse initially with the paperwork
- d. before the child takes possession of the medication, the nurse will review the

medication use/abuse/instructions/efficacy with the student

e. the nurse will determine if the child is mature enough for the responsibility; if not, an alternative plan will be devised.

3.0The school shall provide an opportunity for communication with the student, parent or guardian, and physician regarding the efficacy of the medication administered during school hours.