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STUDENT MEDICATION

Policy

The Barre Unified Union School District (BUUSD) shall have procedures in place to 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.

Implementation

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

1. Medication may be given by the school nurse, or a person designated and trained by the school nurse, upon written orders from a physician, and upon written request of a student's parent or guardian that the school complies with the physician's order. The physician's order must detail the name of the drug, dosage, time interval the medication is to be taken, diagnosis, and reason for giving.
2. Medication must be brought to school in a container labeled by the pharmacy or physician and stored by the school nurse or designee in a secure storage place.
3. Students with life threatening allergies or with asthma, whose parents or guardians comply with all of the requirements of Act 175 of 2008, shall be permitted to possess and self-administer emergency medication at school, on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities, on school-provided transportation, and during school-related programs.

Non-prescription medication must be accompanied by a written request from the parent or guardian of a student bringing such medication to school. The request must contain assurances that the student has suffered no previous ill effects from the use of medication. Medication must be left in the custody of the school nurse.

The school shall provide an opportunity for communication with the pupil, parent, or guardian, and physician regarding the efficacy of the medication administered during school hours. In the case of medication possessed by students with life threatening allergies or with asthma, the school shall provide forms for parents to submit authorizing possession of the medication and releasing the school from liability as a result of any injury arising from the student's self-administration of the emergency medication.

Legal Reference(s):

Act 174 of 2008, 16 V.S.A. §1387

Cross Reference: