

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: MEDICATION
ADMINISTRATION

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210. MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION	
1. Purpose	The Board encourages parents, to the maximum extent possible, to administer all student medications at home. However, the Board recognizes that students may need to take medications during the school day in order to attend school without jeopardizing their health or potential for learning.
2. Definitions	<p>For purposes of this policy, medication shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician and any non-prescription medicines.</p> <p>The district defines prescription medications as those prescribed by a physician for a specifically diagnosed health condition.</p> <p>The district defines non-prescription medications as those over-the-counter remedies that are generally recognized remedies for specific health-related conditions that can be purchased without a physician's prescription.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent or designee, in conjunction with the head nurse, shall develop procedures for the administration and self-administration of students' medications.</p> <p>All district employees involved in administering or supervising the self-administration of medication shall receive appropriate training from the school nurse before performing this responsibility.</p> <p>Building administrators and the head nurse shall review regularly the procedures for administration and self-administration of medications and shall evaluate recordkeeping, safety practices, and effectiveness of this policy.</p>
Guidelines SC 1414.1 Title 22 Sec. 12.41	<p>The district shall inform all parents/guardians, students and staff about the policy and procedures governing the administration of medications.</p> <p>Medications will be administered according to written orders from the student's private health care provider or the school physician.</p>

<p>SC 1409 Pol. 215</p>	<p>Written instructions from a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, dentist, physician assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner must accompany any prescription or non-prescription medication sent to school.</p> <p>The request for administration of prescription or non-prescription medication must also be accompanied by written authorization from the parent/guardian, giving permission for such administration and relieving the Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication. Authorization forms may be obtained from the school health office.</p> <p>Written standing orders by the school physician shall be maintained in each school health office for the administration of a limited list of non-prescription medications. Parent authorization for these medications shall be provided in writing on an individual student emergency card.</p> <p>Students shall not be permitted to carry medication while at school; however, students may carry and self-administer asthma inhalers and/or epinephrine auto-injectors. Before a student may possess or use an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector in the school setting, the Board shall require appropriate documentation.</p> <p>Student health records shall be confidential and maintained in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.</p> <p><u>Medication Administration on Trips</u></p> <p>Medication administration is discouraged during field trips and school-sponsored trips, except for medication required for serious health conditions. However, if it is necessary for medication to be taken during the trip specific procedures shall apply.</p> <p><u>Intravenous Medications</u></p> <p>Intravenous medications are not typically administered within a school setting, however, if absolutely necessary, such medications may be administered provided that very specific criteria are met.</p> <p><u>Student Self-Administration</u></p> <p>Students may be permitted to self-administer medication provided that they are capable of doing so as determined by the school nurse and building principal.</p>
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Administration of Naloxone (Narcan)

In an effort to ensure the health and safety of its students and staff, the District will maintain and administer an opioid antagonist in its schools, for example Naloxone, (Narcan). Such medication may be administered during emergencies, to any student or staff member who may be experiencing a known or suspected opioid overdose.

The District's administrators and nurses will work collaboratively with the school physician or other authorized physician to develop appropriate procedures in order to implement this policy.

School Code 24 P.S. Sec. 1401, 1402, 1409, 1414.1

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 12.41

Board Policy – 000, 103.1, 113.1, 216, 218, 227