

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION TO STUDENTS

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Medications are given to students in the school setting to continue or maintain a medical therapy which promotes health, prevents disease, relieves symptoms of illness or aids in diagnosis. The Waunakee Community School District shall administer medication, including narcotics and Opioid Antagonists in accordance with 2011 Wisconsin Act 86, 2017 Wisconsin Act 29 Wisconsin State Statutes 118.29, 118.291, and Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 8.01 (2) (g).

The District shall administer any prescription medication, including narcotics, to a student in compliance with the written instruction of a practitioner if the student's parent or guardian consents in writing. The following are also required by law: the prescription medication is supplied in the original pharmacy-labeled package, the package specifies the name of the student, the name of the prescriber, the name of the prescription medication, the dose, the effective date and the directions in a legible format.

The District shall administer any nonprescription medication which may lawfully be sold over the counter without a prescription to a student in compliance with the written instructions and written consent of the student's parent or guardian. The nonprescription medication shall be supplied in the original manufacturer's package, and the package must list the ingredients and recommended therapeutic dose in a legible format.

Substances, which are not FDA approved (i.e. natural products, food supplements), may be administered by the District, but will require a valid prescription with written instructions of a practitioner and written consent from the student's parent or guardian. These substances must also be supplied in the original manufacture's package and the package must list the ingredients in a legible format.

Students with asthma may possess and self-administer a metered dose or dry powder inhaler with the written approval of the student's physician and parent or guardian.

Medication administration may be delegated by the school nurse to any school employee with proper training, supervision, and evaluation as defined in Wisconsin Administrative Code N. 6.01 and DPI training guidance. Determining such individuals will be the joint responsibility of the building administrator and the school nurse. Annually the superintendent or his/her designee will determine and compile a list of those employees authorized to dispense medications. The principal of each school in the district will have on file a list of individuals authorized to dispense medications for the specific school. The school employee who is authorized to administer medication is immune from civil liability for his or her acts or omissions in administering medication to a student unless the act or omission constitutes a high degree of negligence. School nurses, as District employees, are regulated by the Wisconsin Nurse Practice

Act; therefore, they are not necessarily immune from civil liability for the aforementioned acts or omissions. The Waunakee Community School District administrator or principal who authorizes an employee or volunteer to administer a nonprescription or prescription drug to a student will be immune from civil liability for the action authorized, unless a court determines that the action constitutes a high degree of negligence.

No school employee, except a health care professional, may be required to administer medication to a student by any means other than oral ingestion. No school bus driver, employee or volunteer may administer any nonprescription drug products or prescription drugs that must be injected, inhaled, rectally administered, or administered through a nasogastric tube, gastrostomy tube or jejunostomy tube unless he/she has received training in the administering these nonprescription drug products and prescription drugs. The training must be approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Procedures for obtaining and filing written instructions and consents for medication administration, and the protocols for storage, administration, and documentation are delineated in this policy's Administrative Rule.

Legal Ref.: 118.125, Pupil Records
 118.29, Administration of drugs and emergency care
 118.291, Asthmatic pupils; possession and use of inhalers
 118.292, Possession and use of epinephrine auto-injectors
 118.2925, Life-threatening allergies in school; use of epinephrine auto-injectors
 121.02(1) (g), Provide for emergency nursing services
 146.82, Confidentiality of patient health care records
 146.83, Access to patient health care records
 441.18, Prescriptions for and delivery of opioid antagonists
 448.037, Prescriptions for and delivery of opioid antagonists

Cross Ref: 453.1 Emergency Nursing Services
 453.4, Medication Administration to Students
 453.4-Exhibit A, Prescription Medication Consent Form
 453.4-Exhibit B, Over-the Counter Medication Consent Form
 453.5, Life-Threatening Allergy Management
 453.5-Rule, Standing Order for Allergic Reaction

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