

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

Medications should not be taken during school hours if it is possible to achieve the medical regimen at home. Any pupil who is required to take a medication prescribed by a licensed physician, during the school day, shall be assisted (grades K-12) by the school nurse subject to the school district having received and filed with the student's health record:

1. A written statement from the licensed prescriber containing the elements described in ED 311.02.
2. A written authorization from the parent or guardian of the pupil indicating the desire that the school assist the pupil in the matters set forth in the physician's statement.

The school nurse may delegate the administration of medication, if appropriate, to others pursuant to RSA 326-B. If the school nurse is not available, the building principal or designee is permitted to assist students in taking required medications by:

1. Making such medications available to the student as needed; and
2. Observing the student as he/she takes or does not take the medication; and
3. Recording whether the student did or did not take the medication.

The school nurse is responsible for keeping accurate records regarding the administration of medication to students. Student health records will conform to Policy GBJ – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

All medication shall be delivered to appropriate school personnel by the parent/guardian. All prescription medication must be delivered and contained in its original pharmacy container. No more than a 30-day supply will be kept and maintained by the school. All medications to be administered by the school nurse shall be kept in a securely locked cabinet.

A pupil may possess and self-administer a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate or prevent asthmatic systems, auto-injectors for severe allergic reactions, and other injectable medication, if authorized in writing by both the student's physician and parent/legal guardian. In addition to filling out the written authorization form, the parent or guardian must also provide written proof of the diagnosis, and verification that the student has the knowledge and skills to safely possess and use the medication in a school setting.

This policy shall extend to any school-sponsored activity, event, or program.

Students shall not share any prescription or over-the-counter medication with another student. Each year, the District shall notify students in writing of this prohibition and that violations shall result in appropriate disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension or expulsion.

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