

516 Student Medication

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the provisions that must be followed when administering medication to students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school district acknowledges that some students may require prescription or non-prescription medications during the school day. The school district's licensed school nurse, trained health assistant, or trained designee will administer prescription and non-prescription medications, except any form of medical cannabis, in accordance with school district procedures.

III. REQUIREMENTS

- A. The administration of prescription and nonprescription medications requires a completed signed request from the student's parent/guardian. In addition, all long-term prescription medications (2 weeks or more) or a controlled prescription medication requires a written order from a licensed prescriber. The school district may rely on a verbal parent request to administer medication for up to two school days, after which a written authorization is required.
- B. A "Request to Administer Medication at School" form must be completed annually (once per school year) and/or when a change in the prescription or requirements for administration occurs. Prescription medications as used in this policy does not include any form of medical cannabis as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 152.22, Subd. 6.
- C. Prescription medication must come to school in the original pharmacy labeled container and must be administered in a manner consistent with the instructions on the label.
- D. Nonprescription medications must come in the original labeled container and must be administered in a manner consistent with the instructions on the label.
- E. The school nurse may request to receive further information about the prescription, if needed, prior to administration of the substance.
- F. Medications, prescription and nonprescription, are not to be carried by the student unless there is a written agreement between the school district and the parent/guardian. Medications will be kept in the Health Office or left with the appropriate school district personnel. Exceptions to this requirement are: prescription asthma medications self-administered with an inhaler or severe allergy medication of epinephrine (Epi-pen) self-

administered (See part K.5. below), and medications administered as noted in a written agreement between the school district and the parent/guardian or as provided in the student's IEP (individual education plan), Section 504 plan, or IHP (individual health plan).

- G. The school must be notified immediately by the parent or student 18 years old or older in writing of any change in the student's prescription medication administration. A new medical authorization or container label with new pharmacy instructions shall be required immediately as well.
- H. The licensed school nurse, trained health assistant or trained designee, will be responsible for the filing of the "Request to Administer Medication at School" form in the student's health records. The licensed school nurse, trained health assistant, or trained designee will be responsible for providing a copy of the form to the principal and to other personnel designated to administer the medication, upon request.
- I. Procedures for administration of medication at school and school activities will be developed by the licensed school nurses. The procedures will be reviewed annually, and a copy will be on file in each health office.
- J. If the administration of a drug or medication described in this section requires the school district to store the drug or medication, the parent or legal guardian must inform the school if the drug or medication is a controlled substance. For a drug or medication that is not a controlled substance, the request must include a provision designating the school district as an authorized entity to transport the drug or medication for the purpose of destruction if any unused drug or medication remains in the possession of school personnel. For a drug or medication that is a controlled substance, the request must specify that the parent or legal guardian is required to retrieve the drug or controlled substance when requested by the school.
- K. Specific exceptions
 1. Special health treatments such as catheterization, tracheostomy suctioning, and gastrostomy feedings do not constitute administration of drugs and medicine;
 2. Emergency health procedures, including emergency administration of drugs and medicine are not subject to this policy;
 3. Drugs or medicine administered by a public health agency to prevent or control an illness or a disease outbreak are not governed by this policy;
 4. Drugs or medicines used at school in connection with services for which a minor may give effective consent are not governed by this policy;

5. Drugs or medicines that are prescription asthma or severe allergy medications can be self-administered by a student with an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector if:
 - a. The school district has received a written authorization from the student's physician and parent permitting the student to self-administer the medication;
 - b. The inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector is properly labeled for that student; and
 - c. The parent has not requested school personnel to administer the medication to the student.

Written authorization for the student to self-administer these medications must be submitted each school year. The licensed school nurse, trained health assistant or trained designee must address the student's knowledge and skills to safely possess and use an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector in a school setting. If the parent and prescribing medical professional determine the student is unable to self-carry the medication, the student must have access to the medication at all times during the instructional day.

If the school district employs a school nurse or provides school nursing services under another arrangement, the school nurse or other appropriate party must assess the student's knowledge and skills to safely possess and use an asthma inhaler in a school setting and enter into the student's school health record a plan to implement safe possession and use of asthma inhalers;

6. Medications:
 - a. that are used off school grounds;
 - b. that are used in connection with athletics or extracurricular activities; or
 - c. that are used in connection with activities that occur before or after the regular school day.

are not governed by this policy.

7. Nonprescription Medication: A secondary student may possess and use nonprescription pain relief in a manner consistent with the labeling, if the school district has received written authorization from the student's parent or guardian permitting the student to self-administer the medication. The parent or guardian must submit written authorization for the student to self-administer the medication each school year. The school district may revoke a student's privilege to possess and use nonprescription pain relievers if the school district determines that the student is abusing the privilege. This provision does not apply to the possession or use of any drug or product containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine as its sole active ingredient

or as one of its active ingredients. Except as stated in this paragraph, only prescription medications are governed by this policy.

8. Districts and schools may obtain and possess epinephrine auto-injectors to be maintained and administered by school personnel to a student or other individual if, in good faith, it is determined that person is experiencing anaphylaxis regardless of whether the student or other individual has a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector. The administration of an epinephrine auto-injector in accordance with this section is not the practice of medicine.

A district or school may enter into arrangements with manufacturers of epinephrine auto-injectors to obtain epinephrine auto-injectors at fair-market, free, or reduced prices. A third party, other than a manufacturer or supplier, may pay for a school's supply of epinephrine auto-injectors.

9. A student may possess and apply a topical sunscreen product during the school day while on school property or at a school-sponsored event without a prescription, physician's note, or other documentation from a licensed health care professional. School personnel are not required to provide sunscreen or assist students in applying sunscreen.

L. "Parent" for students 18 years old or older is the student.

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N. Procedure regarding unclaimed drugs or medications.

1. The school district has adopted the following procedure of the collection and transport of any unclaimed or abandoned prescription drugs or medications remain in the possession of school personnel in accordance with this policy. Before the transportation of any prescription drug or medication under this policy, the school district shall make a reasonable attempt to return the unused prescription drug or medication to the student's parent or legal guardian. Transportation of unclaimed or unused prescription drugs or medications will occur at least annually, but may occur more frequently at the discretion of the school district.
2. If the unclaimed or abandoned prescription drug is not a controlled substance as defined under Minnesota Statutes section 152.01, subdivision 4, or is an over-the-counter medication, the school district will either designate an individual who shall be

- responsible for transporting the drug or medication to a designated drop-off box or collection site or request that a law enforcement agency transport the drug or medication to a drop-off box or collection site on behalf of the school district.
3. If the unclaimed or abandoned prescription drug is a controlled substance as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 152.01, subdivision 4, the school district or school personnel is prohibited from transporting the prescription drug to a drop-off box or collection site for prescription drugs identified under this paragraph. The school district must request that a law enforcement agency transport the prescription drug or medication to a collection bin that complies with Drug Enforcement Agency regulations, or if a site is not available, under the agency's procedure for transporting drugs.

Legal References:

- Minn. Stat. § 13.32 (Educational Data)
 - Minn. Stat. § 121A.21 (Hiring of Health Personnel)
 - Minn. Stat. § 121A.22 (Administration of Drugs and Medicine)
 - Minn. Stat. § 121A.2205 (Possession and Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors; Model Policy)
 - Minn. Stat. § 121A.2207 (Life-Threatening Allergies in Schools; Stock Supply of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors)
 - Minn. Stat. § 121A.221 (Possession and Use of Asthma Inhalers by Asthmatic Students)
 - Minn. Stat. § 121A.222 (Possession and Use of Nonprescription Pain Relievers by Secondary Students)
 - Minn. Stat. § 121A.223 (Possession and Use of Sunscreen)
 - Minn. Stat. § 151.212 (Label of Prescription Drug Containers)
 - Minn. Stat. § 152.01 (Definitions)
 - Minn. Stat. § 152.22 (Definitions)
 - Minn. Stat. § 152.23 (Limitations)
- 20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.* (Individuals with Disabilities Act)
29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)

Cross References:

- MSBA/MASA Model Policy 418 (Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School)

School Board Action:

- Adopted as Policy 8.202 November 18, 1986
- Revised October 18, 1988
- Revised May 15, 1990
- Revised as Policy 516 June 18, 2002
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