

## Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

## STUDENTS

### USE OF MEDICATIONS

The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication to a student during school hours will be permitted only when the failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not made available during school hours.

For purposes of this policy, "medication" shall include medicines prescribed by a physician and any patent drug.

1. No over the counter (OTC) medication may be administered to any students during school hours or non-school hours at a school function without the written request of the parent. No prescription medication may be administered to any student during school hours or non-school hours at a school function without the written order from the practicing physician. This may be done either on a Medication Assistance Form (link) or a written order to the school. A prescription drug is defined as a medicine or remedy prescribed by a physician for a specific individual. Students found distributing a prescription drug regardless of the classification of the prescription must be suspended from school for up to ten (10) days pending a hearing before the Board for consideration of further suspension or expulsion. At the conclusion of the expulsion hearing, the student may receive a suspension or expulsion equal to time served up to permanent expulsion. Under special circumstances (allowed by state law) and with written permission by the student's physician, the student may carry an Epi Pen and/or an inhaler while at school or at a school sponsored activity, but may not distribute the prescription drug to another student. Over-the-counter (non-prescription) medication can only be administered upon written parent approval. All medication, prescribed or unprescribed, may only be administered to students during school hours or non-school hours at school functions by Health Services personnel or other properly trained designated personnel. The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the administration of medication to students.

See Administrative Regulation related to this Policy

See also: Board Policy 529: Suspension and Expulsion  
Board Policy 529(a): Safe Schools – Weapons/Fighting/Intimidation/Prescription Drugs

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