

ARTICLE IV. STUDENTS

Section 20. Medications.

Medications Generally

The Model Policy and Guidelines for Administering Medications to Pupils at School ("the Model Policy"), published by the Michigan Department of Education, as currently in effect and as subsequently amended, and with the revisions noted below, is adopted as the District's Policy for medications at school.

Pursuant to the Model Policy, "medication" includes prescription, non-prescription and herbal medications, and includes those taken by mouth, by inhaler, those that are injectable, and those applied as drops to eyes, nose, or medications applied to the skin.

The following provisions of the Model Policy are clarified or revised as follows:

- A. As used in the Model Policy, the term "physician" means any health care provider licensed by the State of Michigan to prescribe medication.
- B. All documentation provided in connection with this policy, including medication administration logs, shall be retained for three years after the student graduates or otherwise leaves the District, or until the student's 19th birthday, whichever occurs later.

Administration is directed to publish the Model Policy, with the clarifications or revisions identified above, as an administrative guideline, and to amend the guideline to comport with any amendment(s) to the Model Policy.

Administration is authorized to make additional non-substantive wording changes in the Model Policy, and to revise or supplement the forms that accompany the Model Policy, to conform with practices in and the policies and needs of the District.

Epinephrine Auto Injectors (Epi-Pens)

Each school building in the District shall have at least two employees at the school who have been trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors.

Each school building in the District shall possess and maintain at least two epinephrine auto-injectors. The epinephrine auto-injectors shall be stored in a secure location, and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions for the preservation of the medication.

Under state law, a prescriber of medication may issue a prescription for, and a dispensing prescriber or pharmacist may dispense, auto-injectable epinephrine. Administration shall take the necessary steps to obtain and fill prescriptions for epinephrine auto-injectors in order to ensure that sufficient quantities are distributed to and maintained by individual schools.

An employee of the District who is a licensed registered professional nurse or who is trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors may administer an epinephrine auto-injectors to a pupil who has an epinephrine auto-injector prescription on file at the school.

An employee of the District who is a licensed registered professional nurse or an employee of the District who is trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors may administer an epinephrine auto-injectors to any pupil who is believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction, regardless of whether that pupil has an epinephrine auto-injector prescription on file at the school.

The Superintendent shall issue administrative guidelines to ensure the proper implementation of this Policy.