

DCSD Parent Information For Medications and Medical Procedures

The Darlington County School District has established a policy (JLCD) identifying procedures for the safe administration of medications and/or medical procedures performed during school hours. Whenever possible the parent/guardian should give the students' medication or procedure before or after school at home. Failure to adhere to guidelines may result in suspension and viewed as medical neglect.

GENERAL RULES

Medications

1. Any medication, prescription or over the counter, to be given during the school day must be accompanied by a completed *DCSD Permission for School Administration of Medication* form from a health care practitioner who is recognized by SC's Dept. of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation as authorized to prescribe medications. The parent/guardian portion of the form must also be completed.
2. DCSD and its employees reserve the right to refuse to honor medication requests that are not consistent with professional standards and/or deemed unsafe for the school setting. Herbals, food supplements, alternative medicinal products, and other items that do not have FDA approval will not be given at school.
3. The parent/legal guardian acknowledges that the district and its employees and agents are not liable for any injury arising from administration of medication authorized by an IHP/health care practitioner and/or from a student's self-monitoring or self-administration of medication. The parent/legal guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against any claims arising from administration of medication authorized by an IHP/health care practitioner and/or from a student's self-monitoring or self-administration of medication.
4. Parent/guardian authorizes reciprocal exchange of health information between the student's healthcare provider and DCSD employees.
5. A separate form must be completed for each medication.
6. Initial dose of a medication that a child has never taken before will not be given at school.
7. In the event of a delayed start to the school day, any morning medications given at school will need to be given at home. This applies to early dismissal as well.

PROCEDURES

1. Medical procedures require receipt of the completed *DCSD Authorization for Prescribed Treatment* form and necessary equipment for the procedure. The form must be completed by a health care practitioner who is recognized by SC's Dept. of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation as authorized to prescribe medical procedures. The parent/guardian portion of the form must also be completed.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

1. A parent/guardian must bring the appropriate completed form along with medication in the original labeled prescription container and/or proper equipment for medical procedure to the school nurse. **Students are not allowed to transport medication to or from school.**
2. It is the parent/guardian responsibility to obtain a **completed** *DCSD Permission for School Administration of Medication/Authorization for Prescribed Treatment* form from the healthcare provider.
3. Inform the school of any changes in the student's health condition, medical procedure or medication.
4. Update DCSD forms annually or when there is any change in the medication or medical procedure.
5. Pick up any unused medication or medical supplies within 5 days of discontinuation or last day for students, whichever comes first, after which medications will be disposed of.
6. Provide no more than a thirty (30) day supply of medication to the school.
7. Provide the school with life saving/emergency medications as prescribed for any life threatening medical conditions.

SELF-MEDICATING AND/OR SELF-MONITORING (students are not permitted to carry or self administer controlled substances)
Certain students with special health care needs may carry and/or self administer life saving medications and/or self monitor provided the following requirements are met:

1. The *DCSD Permission for School Administration of Medication* form is completed with the following: name of the medication/procedure; dosage, time and route of the medication; statement from the legal prescriber that the student may self medicate and/monitor; signature of legal prescriber; signature of parent or legal guardian.
2. The *Self Medicating and/or Self Monitoring Parent/Guardian, Health Care Practitioner and Student* form is completed.
3. Documentation from the student's healthcare provider stating that the student has been trained and is competent to self-medicate and/or self-monitor.
5. Medication is provided in an appropriately labeled prescription container.
6. Determination that the student's self-administration/monitoring will not jeopardize the safety of the student or others.