

## **453.4 - ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS**

Medications should be administered to school children at home, rather than at school, whenever possible. School personnel who are authorized to do so in writing by a building principal may administer medications to students under the procedures and conditions established to implement this policy that are developed with the assistance of the Health Care Coordinator and adopted by the Board.

The Health Care Coordinator shall be responsible for overseeing the receipt of the written medication instructions and consents from parents or guardians, the maintenance of complete and accurate medication administration records, the proper storage of medications, and the removal of outdated and unused medications in accordance with District procedures. The Health Care Coordinator shall be responsible for ensuring that the written medication administration instructions that are on file in the District are periodically reviewed by a registered nurse.

No school personnel, other than a health care professional, shall be involuntarily required to administer any medication to a student by any means other than ingestion. Authorized school personnel who voluntarily agree to administer a prescription drug or nonprescription drug product that must be injected into a student, inhaled by a student, rectally administered to a student, or administered into a nasogastric, gastrostomy or jejunostomy tube shall complete Department of Public Instruction-approved training before administering medication to a student through such means.

Students may possess (carry) and use an inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector (e.g., EpiPen®) with the written approval of the student's physician and parent or guardian. In addition, older and responsible students may also possess and self-administer their own prescription drugs and nonprescription medications at school, provided that the student does so in compliance with relevant District policies and procedures.

No District policy or procedure shall be interpreted to limit or detract from the immunities and other limitations on liability available under the law to nurses and other persons who engage in or assist with the administration of medication to students.

*Legal References: Sections 118.125, 118.29, 118.291, 121.02(1)(g), 146.82 & 146.83 of the Wisconsin State Statutes; and N 6.03(3) & PI 8.01(2)(g)2 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code*

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