

**SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

Under certain circumstances, when it is necessary for a student to take medication during school hours, the school nurse may administer the medication if the parent or guardian submits a written request accompanied by the written order of the prescribing physician which shall include the purpose of the medication, the dosage, the time at which or the special circumstances under which medication shall be administered, the period for which medication is prescribed, and the possible side effects of the medication. The parent or guardian must assume responsibility to have the medication delivered directly to the health office in a properly labeled original container.

Procedures for taking medications off school grounds or after school hours while participating in a school-sponsored activity will be in accordance with State Education Department Guidelines.

**Emergency Medication**

The administration of emergency medication (injectable, including "epi-pens," and/or oral) to a student for extreme hypersensitivity may be performed by any school staff member responding to the emergency. Such a response would fall under the Good Samaritan exemption for rendering emergency care during a life threatening situation.

**Use Of Inhalers In Schools**

The School District permits students who have been diagnosed by a physician or other duly authorized health care provider as having a severe asthmatic condition to carry and use a prescribed inhaler during the school day. Prior to permitting such use, the school health office must receive the written permission of the prescribing physician or other duly authorized health care provider, and parental consent, based on such physician's or provider's determination that the student is subject to sudden asthmatic attacks severe enough to debilitate that student.

A record of such physician or health care provider/parental permission shall be maintained in the school health office.

Health office personnel will maintain regular parental contact in order to monitor the effectiveness of such self-medication procedures and to clarify parental responsibility as to the daily monitoring of their child to ensure that the medication is being utilized in accordance with the physician's or provider's instructions. Additionally, the student will be required to report to the health office on a periodic basis as determined by health office personnel so as to maintain an ongoing evaluation of the student's management of such self-medication techniques, and to work cooperatively with the parents and the student regarding such self-care management.

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Students

**SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION (Cont'd.)**

Students who self-administer medication without proper authorization, under any circumstances, will be referred for counseling by school nursing personnel. Additionally, school administration and parents will be notified of such unauthorized use of medication by the student, and school administration may also be involved in determining the proper resolution of such student behavior.

Education Law Sections 916, 6527(4)(a) and  
6908(1)(a)(iv)

Public Health Law Section 3000-a

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