Policy

ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICATIONS

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School personnel will not dispense medications (including aspirin) except as provided below and in administrative procedures developed by the superintendent.

A school's registered nurse (RN) or his/her designee as selected, trained, and evaluated pursuant to South Carolina law and South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation guidance may assist students with oral medications or lifesaving medications during school hours at the written request of the healthcare provider and/or parent/legal guardian.

Students who bring medication to school to take during the school day must have written parent/legal guardian permission to take the medication. All medication must be properly labeled and in its original container.

Students must keep all medication brought to school in the nurse's office. The school's registered nurse (RN) or his/her designee will keep the medication in a locked case.

Students will not share any prescription or over the counter medication with another student. Each year, the district will notify students in writing of this prohibition and that violations may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion.

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
   1. Section 15-78-60 - Immunity from liability for districts and employees.
   2. Section 40-33-44 - On-site supervision of a licensed practical nurses (LPN).
   3. Section 44-33-42 - Delegation of nursing tasks to unlicensed assistive personnel.
   4. Section 59-63-80, *et seq*. - Requires board to develop policy for individual healthcare plans for certain students.
   5. Section 59-63-95 - Administration of lifesaving medication in schools.

B. S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Advisory Opinions:
   1. South Carolina Board of Nursing, Advisory Opinion #50, Revised March 2016 - Provision of treatment and administration of medications by unlicensed school personnel in the event of a medical emergency.
   2. South Carolina Board of Nursing, Advisory Opinion #51, Revised May 2013 - Unlicensed school personnel performing nursing tasks required for a student to attend school.
   3. South Carolina Board of Nursing, Advisory Opinion #52, Revised May 2013 - Unlicensed school personnel assisting students with medications taken on a routine schedule.
   4. South Carolina Boards of Medical Examiners, Nursing, and Pharmacy, Joint Advisory Opinion Regarding Over the Counter Medications in Schools, Issued September 2013 - Delineating requirements for administration of over the counter medications with and without a prescription.

C. Other:
   1. South Carolina Department of Education, Office of Nutrition Programs, Frequently Asked Questions about Students Self-Medicating and Self-Monitoring (September 2015).