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The principal or his designee may administer prescription medicines to students in their charge only under the following conditions:

1. The parent/guardian must request in writing that such service be provided by completing a RCSD "Consent for Medications at School" form (one form per medication).
2. The parent/guardian requests must include prescriber authorization (to be completed by a physician or licensed practitioner) and include the name of the prescribing physician, the name of the medicine, the dosage prescribed, the route to be taken, and the time(s)/frequency to be given for both over the counter or prescription medication(s).
3. Medicines checked in at the school must be in their original prescription or unopened over the counter container with the information label attached.
4. The first dose of any medication registered at the school must be given by the parent/guardian at home to ensure there are no adverse drug reactions. All medication(s) registered at school must be taken in the presence of the principal and/or their designee.
5. The parent/guardian consent for medication(s) at school and the physician order for the medication must be kept on file for a period of one full year.
6. Medications not picked up at the end of the school year on or before the last day of school will be discarded.
7. Under no circumstances are students to transport or carry medication(s) to or from school (with the exception of asthma inhalers and epinephrine pens if RCSD policy to carry these medications has been followed). All medications must be registered in the school office by the parent/guardian. Any student found transporting, carrying, or dispensing over the counter or prescription medication(s) of any kind will be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action.

All medications so entrusted to the school shall be kept in a secure, specific limited access storage space designated by the principal.

A student with asthma shall be permitted to possess and self-administer asthma medications at school and school-sponsored activities/programs under the following conditions:

1. The parent/guardian gives written authorization for self-administration of asthma medication and acknowledges that the school shall incur no liability and the parent/guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless the school and its employees against any claims relating to self-administration of asthma medications by signing a RCSD "Consent for Medications at School" form.
2. The parent/guardian provides an asthma action plan from the student's health care practitioner indicating that the student has asthma and has been instructed on self-administration of asthma medications. This plan must also include: the name and purpose of the medication, severity of asthma condition (mild, moderate, severe), the prescribed dosage, the time(s) the medication can be administered, any special circumstances regarding administration of the medication, steps to take in the event of an emergency or life threatening event, and the length of time for which the medication is prescribed.
3. If a student uses his/her medication in a manner other than prescribed, he/she may be subject to disciplinary action under the school codes. The disciplinary action shall not limit or restrict the student's immediate access to the medication.

The permission for self-administration of asthma medications shall be in effect for the school year in which it is granted, necessitating renewal each school year. Inhalers or asthma medication(s) not picked up at the end of the school year on or before the last day of school will be discarded. RCSD will not be responsible for any equipment not picked up on or before the last day of school.

