
Administering Medications to Students

Mapleton Public Schools (the "District") recognizes that a significant number of students have health problems that require the administration of medication during the school day. School personnel may not administer prescription or nonprescription medications to students unless appropriate administration cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school hours and the student's parent/guardian is not available to administer the medication during the school day.

Medication may be administered to students by school personnel whom a registered nurse has trained and delegated the task of administering such medication. For purposes of this policy, the term "medication" includes both prescription medication and nonprescription medication but does not include medical marijuana.

The administration of medical marijuana shall be in accordance with the Board's policy on administration of medical marijuana to qualified students (JLCDB).

For purposes of this policy and accompanying regulation, the term "nonprescription medication" includes but is not limited to over-the-counter medications, homeopathic and herbal medications, vitamins, and nutritional supplements that have been approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Medication may be administered to students by the school nurse or other school designee only when the following requirements are met:

1. Medication must be in the original, properly labeled container. If it is a prescription medication, the student's name, the name of the medication, dosage, how often it is to be administered, and the name of the prescribing health care practitioner must be printed on the container.
2. The school must have received written permission from the student's parent/guardian to administer the medication to the student and either:
 - a. Written permission to administer the medication from the student's health care practitioner with prescriptive authority under Colorado law, or a
 - b. A standing medical order if the medication is an over-the-counter medication such as Advil or Tylenol.

3. The parent/guardian is responsible for providing all medication to be administered to the student.

Self-Administration of Medication for Asthma, Allergies, Anaphylaxis, or Other Prescription Medication

A student who is prescribed medication by a licensed health care practitioner may possess and self-administer medication to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis, or related, life-threatening condition, or other condition for which medication is prescribed. Self-administration of such medication may occur during school hours, at school-sponsored activities, or while in transit to and from school or a school-sponsored activity. Student possession and self-administration of such medication must be in accordance with regulation JLCD-R.

Authorization for a student to possess and self-administer medication, for the purposes described above, may be limited or revoked by the school director after consultation with the school nurse and the student's parent/guardian if the student demonstrates an inability to responsibly possess and self-administer such medication. Student possession, use, distribution, sale, or being under the influence of medication inconsistent with this policy shall be considered a violation of District policy concerning drug and alcohol involvement by students and may subject the student to disciplinary consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion, in accordance with applicable Board policy.

Use of Stock Epinephrine Auto-Injectors in Emergency Situations

The District will have a stock supply of emergency use epinephrine for use in emergency anaphylaxis events that occur on school grounds. Any administration of a stock emergency use epinephrine to a student by a District employee must be in accordance with applicable State law, including applicable State Board of Education rules.

The District's stock supply of emergency use epinephrine is not intended to replace student-specific orders or medication provided by the student's parent/guardian to treat the student's asthma, food, or other allergies, anaphylaxis, or related, life-threatening conditions.

Use of Stock Opioid Antagonists in Emergency Situations

The District will have a stock supply of opioid antagonists to assist a student, district employee, or any person who is at risk of experiencing, or is experiencing, an opioid-related drug overdose event. For purposes of this policy, an opioid antagonist means naloxone hydrochloride or any similarly acting drug that is not a controlled substance and that is approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of a drug overdose.

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Administration of an opioid antagonist by a District employee to a student or any other person must be in accordance with applicable State law. In addition, it is encouraged that the District provide training to those administering an opioid antagonist.

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LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. § 12-38-132 (*delegation of nursing tasks*)

C.R.S. § 12-38-132.3 (*school nurses - over-the-counter medication*)

C.R.S. § 22-1-119 (*no liability for adverse drug reactions/side effects*)

C.R.S. § 22-1-119.1 (*Board may adopt policy to acquire a stock supply of opioid antagonists*)

C.R.S. § 22-1-119.3 (*Policy for student possession and administration of prescription medication - rules*)

C.R.S. § 22-1-119.3 (3)(c), (d) (*no student possession or self-administration of medical marijuana, but school districts must permit the student's primary caregiver to administer medical marijuana to the student on school grounds, on a school bus or at a school-sponsored event*)

C.R.S. § 22-1-119.5 (*Colorado Schoolchildren's Asthma, Food Allergy, and Anaphylaxis Health Management Act*)

C.R.S. § 22-2-135 (*Colorado School Children's Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act*)

C.R.S. §§ 24-10-101 et seq. (*Colorado Governmental Immunity Act*)

1 CCR 301-68 (*State Board of Education rules regarding student possession and administration of asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis management medications or other prescription medications*)

6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 6.13 (*requirements for health services in schools*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

JICH: Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

JKD/JKE: Suspension/Expulsion of Students (and Other Disciplinary Interventions)

JLCD-R: Regulation: Administering Medications to Students

JLCD-E: Permission for Administering Medications

JLCDA: Students with Food Allergies

JLCDB: Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students

JLCE: First Aid and Emergency Medical Care