

RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5020: PUPILS TAKING MEDICATION

- A. Any pupil who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed for the pupil by a licensed physician, may be assisted by a school nurse or other employee designated by the Superintendent only if:
 - 1. The District receives a written statement from the prescribing licensed physician detailing the method, amount and time schedules by which such medication is to be taken; and
 - 2. The District receives a written statement from the parent/guardian of the pupil specifically requesting that the District assist the pupil in the matters set forth in the physician's statement. No employee shall assist a pupil take medication unless this Board Policy is complied with.

- B. Any pupil who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed for the pupil by a licensed physician and who does not seek assistance from the District must file a written statement with the District regarding the need for the pupil to take the medication at school.

- C. No pupil may carry prescribed medication during the school day, but must give it to the designated employee(s) who will maintain it in a secure place. All such medication must be in clearly identified containers with the following information: pupil's name, physician's name, physician's telephone number, name of medication, warnings about improper use, dosage and schedule for medication.

- D. In very limited cases a pupil may be allowed to carry and self-administer “prescription auto-injectable epinephrine” in accordance with Education Code section 49423, or “prescription inhaled asthma medication” in accordance with Education Code section 49423.1 as long as all of the pre-conditions in those laws are complied with including a signed written statement that the District and school personnel are released ‘from civil liability if the self-administering pupil suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering medication.’

Legal Reference:
Education Code sections 49423, 49480

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