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ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

The School Board recognizes that students sometimes may need to take prescribed medication during the school day to be able to attend school without jeopardizing their health. In such cases, when the district has received written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian as required by law, designated personnel shall assist the student in taking the medication.

The Board recognizes that some students have allergies of such severity that they may require an emergency anaphylactic injection during the school day. Parents/guardians who are aware of this foreseeable need may ask the district to store and provide such injections. School staff who may be required to administer anaphylactic injections shall receive appropriate training and will be authorized to administer the injections within the legal provisions of law.

Self-Administration of Medication for Asthma or Anaphylaxis

A student may be permitted to carry medication that has been prescribed or ordered by a physician to stay on or with the student due to a pressing medical need. Students who have received instruction in the self-administration of asthma or anaphylaxis medication shall be permitted to carry and self-administer the medication upon written authorization of the parent/guardian and health care provider, consistent with law and procedures developed by the Superintendent. Written authorization must be submitted annually.

By law, neither the District not its schools are liable for injuries that may result from the storage or self-administration of medication. No students will be permitted to carry or self-administer a prescribed medication without a release of liability for the school, its employees, and agents. The release of liability shall include an agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the school and its employees or agents from claims arising out of the storage or self-administration of medication.

A student who uses the medication in a manner other than prescribed is subject to disciplinary action.

Note: *In 2005, AS 14.30.141 was passed requiring district to permit the self -administration of medication by students for asthma or anaphylaxis. Self-administration may only be permitted upon a school's annual receipt of written certification by the student's parent/guardian and the student's health care provider. The statute also requires parents to release the school district from liability for any injury that may result from the storage and self-administration of asthma and anaphylaxis medication. Finally, the statute provides that students who use the medication in a manner other than prescribed are subject to disciplinary action.*

This policy does not exclude medical devices prescribed by a physician (i.e. diabetic pump and associated devices/equipment).

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

09.65.090 Civil Liability for Emergency Aid

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