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I. Purpose

The Joint Committee shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication in accordance with the direction of a parent and family physician to a student during school hours will be permitted only when:

- failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student;
- the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not made available during school hours; or
- it is a necessary component of a student's accommodation plan or service agreement, as defined by state and federal law or a component of a student's IEP as defined by state and federal law.

The initial dose of a medication is not to be given at school except in a life-threatening situation.

II. Definition

For purposes of this Policy, "medication" shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician plus the following:

- over the counter medications
- aspirin
- cough medications
- any prescription drugs or treatment (hot compresses, eye drops, ointments, etc.)

III. Authority

Unless specifically authorized otherwise by Board Policy, before any medication may be administered to any student during school hours, the Director shall require the written request of the parent/guardian to:

- grant permission for such administration;
- relieve the Joint Committee and its employees of liability for administration of medication;
- furnish the written order of the prescribing physician, including the name and purpose of the medication and the amount of the dosage. The physician's written report shall also include:
 - the time at which or special circumstances under which the medication shall be administered
 - length of period for which medication is prescribed
 - the possible side effects of the medication
- provide the written order of the prescribing physician for administering necessary medication other than oral at the discretion of the school nurse, e.g. Ritalin.

The document(s) shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse.

IV. Delegation of Responsibility

The Director shall develop procedures for the administration of medication that:
require all medications be administered by the school nurse, other licensed health personnel, such as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse, or the parent, unless otherwise authorized by Board Policy;
permit students to possess asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors and to self-administer when such is physician and parent-authorized and otherwise in accordance with Board Policy;
authorize the maintenance and administration of epinephrine in accordance with the provisions of Act 195 of 2014;
require medications be securely stored and kept in the original labeled container;
direct the school nurse to maintain a record of the name of the student to whom medication may be administered, the dosage and timing of medication and a notation of each instance of administration; and
authorize the maintenance of a supply of the opioid antagonist Naloxone, in accordance with law, and establish appropriate internal procedures for the acquisition, stocking and administration of Naloxone.

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