

STUDENT MEDICATION

Administering Medicines to Students

The Bonneville Joint School District No. 93 will permit the administration of medication to students in schools in its jurisdiction. Pursuant to the written authorization of the student's licensed health care practitioner, as well as the written authorization of a parent/guardian, the school nurse or trained school designee (who has received direction as to the administration of medication by the student's licensed health care practitioner) may administer medication to any student in the school. If a trained school designee administers the medication they must have been trained by the District Nurse on medication administration.

The School District and the parents/guardians acknowledge that the administration of medication by the District is at the direction of the student's licensed health care practitioner and may be dispensed by non-medically trained personnel, who do not represent themselves as capable of independent judgment relative to the administration of medication and the effects thereof.

Medications

1. Pre-Kindergarten-Eighth (8th) Grade: The school nurse or designee will assist with the administration of all medications, prescription or nonprescription, except as indicated above or when students are given specific permission by the school nurse, principal, or designee to self-medicate. Medication request and release form must be signed by the parent before this can happen.
2. Ninth (9th)-Twelfth (12th) Grade: For prescription medication, parents must contact the school nurse or principal before any medications can be brought to school. The principal and nurse will determine if the medication should be self-administered or administered by a school nurse or designee. For non-prescription medications such as Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen/Tums parents must sign authorization form stating the student may self-administer or if the school nurse/designee needs to administer the medication.
3. Where administration of medication is a routine activity for a particular student, the subject shall be addressed in a student's health care plan, Section 504 Plan or IEP, as applicable.
4. Diagnosis and treatment of illness and the prescribing of drugs are never the responsibility of a school employee and should not be practiced by any school personnel.

5. The initial dose of medication or over the counter medication must be administered at home, in the licensed health care practitioner's office, or in the hospital to note that likely allergic reactions do not occur.

Emergency Administration of Medicines

1. In case of an anaphylactic reaction or the risk of such reaction, a school nurse or delegate may administer emergency oral and/or injectable medication to any student in need thereof on the school grounds, in the school building, or at a school function, according to the standing order of the chief medical advisor or the student's private physician.
2. In the absence of a school nurse, the administrator or designated staff member exempt from the nurse licensure requirements who has completed training in administration of medication, may give emergency medication to students orally or by injection. There must be on record a medically diagnosed allergic condition as well as what type of reaction is expected, which would require prompt treatment to protect the student from serious harm or death.
3. Training as to the administration of medication in the situation of an emergency, for the administrator or designated staff member, shall be done by the school's nurse or other licensed health care practitioner to assure such individuals have knowledge as to how to give emergency medication to students orally or by injection. Records shall be retained as to the individuals trained, the identification of the trainer and the date of training activities.
4. Record of the medication administered in an emergency will be entered on an Individual Student Medication Record and filed in the student's cumulative health folder.

Self-Monitoring and Treatment of Diabetes

1. A student with diabetes, upon written request of the student's parent/guardian and written authorization from the student's treating physician, shall be permitted by the Board to perform blood glucose checks, administer insulin through the insulin delivery system the student uses, treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, and otherwise attend to the care and management of the student's diabetes in the classroom and in any area of the school or school grounds, and to possess on the student's person at all times all necessary supplies and equipment to perform these monitoring and treatment functions.

Self-Administration of Asthma Medication, Insulin/Diabetic Treatment, or Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

1. Pursuant to Idaho Code covering the self-administration of asthma medication, the following shall apply to epinephrine auto-injectors, insulin, or blood glucose monitoring supplies if a parent/legal guardian chooses to have his or her child self-medicate:
 - a. The parents/guardians of the pupil shall provide to the Board or designee written authorization for the self-administration of medication.
 - b. The parents/guardians of the pupil shall provide to the Board or designee written certification from the physician of the pupil that the pupil has a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis), asthma, another potentially life-threatening respiratory illness, or diabetes and is capable of, and has been instructed in, the proper method of self-administration of medication. In cases where the pupil has severe or life-threatening allergies, Policy 3515 Food Allergy Management, and any related procedures shall be followed.
2. For students with a severe allergic reaction, asthma, another potentially life-threatening respiratory illness, or diabetes the student's physician or health care provider-supplied information shall contain:
 - a. The name and purpose of the medicine;
 - b. The prescribed dosage;
 - c. The time(s) at which or the special circumstances under which medication should be administered;
 - d. The length of time for which medication is prescribed;
 - e. The possible side-effects of the medicine;
 - f. Actions to take in the event of an emergency, including if the medication does not improve the child's breathing or allergic reaction;
 - g. Contact information for the physician and parent/guardian; and
 - h. If applicable, a list of the child's asthma triggers or allergies.
3. The school's administration and appropriate teachers and school personnel are informed that the student is self-administering prescribed medication. Such

notification shall be done in a manner so as to best preserve the privacy of the student and the student's medical condition to the extent appropriate.

4. For students with severe or life-threatening allergies this information may be provided in the student's Emergency Care Plan.

Assistance in Self Administration of Medicines to Students

1. Any school employee authorized and trained by the District Nurse:
 - a. May assist in the self-administration of any drug that may lawfully be sold over the counter without a prescription to a pupil in compliance with the written instructions, if the pupil's parent/guardian consents in writing.
 - b. May assist in the self-administration of a prescription drug to a pupil in compliance with the written instructions of a licensed health care practitioner, if the pupil's parent/guardian consents in writing.

Additional Requirements for Self-Administration of Medicines

1. The Board or Board designee will inform the parents/guardians of the pupil in writing that the District and its employees or agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication by the pupil, absent any negligence by the District, its employees, or its agents, or as a result of providing all relevant information provided pursuant to subdivisions of this subsection with the school nurse, absent any negligence by the District, its employees, or its agents, or in the absence of such nurse, to the school administrator.
2. The parents/guardians of the pupil shall sign a statement acknowledging that the District shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication by the pupil and that the parents/guardians shall indemnify and hold harmless the District and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the self-administration of medication by the pupil.
3. Students who are authorized to carry their own epinephrine auto-injectors or supplies or equipment necessary for diabetes monitoring and/or treatment of diabetes may be retested periodically to ensure they are still capable of correctly self-administering the medication.

As used in this section:

1. "Medication" means an epinephrine auto-injector, a metered dose inhaler, or a dry powder inhaler or insulin, insulin delivery system and/or supplies or

equipment necessary for diabetes monitoring and/or treatment prescribed by a physician and having an individual label;

2. "Self-administration" means a student's use of medication pursuant to prescription or written direction from a physician; and
3. A student who is permitted to self-administer medication pursuant to this section shall be permitted to possess and use the prescribed medication at all times.
4. Any school employee authorized in writing by the school administrator, principal, or district nurse may assist with self-administration of medications provided that only the following acts are used:
 - a. Verbal suggestions, prompting, reminding, gesturing, or providing a written guide for self-administering medications;
 - b. Handing a prefilled, labeled medication holder, labeled unit dose container, syringe, or original marked, labeled container from the pharmacy to the student;
 - c. Opening the lid of the above container for the student;
 - d. Guiding the hand of the student to self-administer the medication;
 - e. Holding a container of fluid and assisting the student in drinking fluid to assist in the swallowing of oral medications; and/or
 - f. Assisting with removal of a medication from a container for students with a physical disability which prevents independence in the act.

Handling and Storage of Medicines

1. All medications, including those approved for keeping by students for self medication, must first be delivered by the parent or other responsible adult to the nurse or employee assisting with the self-administration of medication. The nurse or the employee must:
 - a. Examine any new medication to ensure that it is properly labeled with dates, name of student, medication name, dosage, and physician's name;
 - b. If administration is necessary, the nurse must develop a medication administration plan for the student before any medication is given by school personnel;
 - c. Record on the Student's Individual Medication Record the date the medication is delivered, and the amount of medication received.

- d. Store medication requiring refrigeration at 36F - 46F; and
 - e. Store prescribed medicinal preparations in a securely locked storage compartment excluding those medications approved for self-administration. Controlled substances will be contained in a separate compartment, secured, and locked at all times. Students shall be permitted to possess and use a prescribed inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector at all times.
2. No more than a 45-school day supply of medication for a student will be stored at the school. All medications, prescription and nonprescription, will be stored in their original containers.
 3. Access to all stored medication will be limited to persons authorized to administer medications or assist in the self-administration of medications. Each school will maintain a current list of those persons authorized by delegation from the district nurse to administer medications.
 4. Building secretaries will send the Student Medication Log for each student (3510F3) to the district nurse at the end of the school year so that the Medication Log can be scanned and stored in the digital document repository.

Disposal of Medication

1. School personnel must either return to the parent/guardian or destroy (with permission of the parent/guardian) any unused, discontinued, or obsolete medication. Medicine which is not repossessed by the parent/guardian within a seven day period of notification by school authorities will be destroyed by the school nurse in the presence of a witness.

Legal References: I.C. § 33-520

I.C. § 54-1401

Policy Governing Medical Inhalers,
Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, Insulin and
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