

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Under normal circumstances, all student medications, both prescription and over the counter (OTC) medications should be administered before and/or after school hours under supervision of the parent/guardian. When it is necessary for a student to receive prescription or OTC oral medication, topical medication, eye drops, ear drops or nasal spray at school or at school-sponsored events, the parent/guardian must submit a written parental request and a written authorization from a licensed healthcare practitioner (LHP) prescribing within the scope of his or her prescriptive authority. If the medication will be administered for more than fifteen consecutive days, the LHP must also provide written, current, and unexpired instructions for the administration of the medication.

The superintendent will establish procedures for required and proper:

- A. Designating staff members who may administer medication to students;
- B. Training, delegation, and supervision of staff members in the administration of medication to students by a registered nurse (RN), including oral medication, topical medication, eye drops, ear drops, and/or nasal spray;
- C. Obtaining signed and dated parent/guardian and (LHP) request and authorization for the administration of medications, including instructions from the LHP if the medication is to be given for more than fifteen days;
- D. Transporting medications to and from school;
- E. Storing medication in a locked or limited access area;
- F. Labeling medication;
- G. Administering of medication, including identification of student and medication;
- H. Documenting administration of medication, including errors, reactions, or side effects;
- I. Disposing of medications;
- J. Maintaining records pertaining to the administration of medication;
- K. Maintaining student confidentiality;
- L. Permitting, as appropriate, possession and self-administration of medications necessary for student school attendance;
- M. Permitting possession and self-administration of over-the-counter topical sunscreen products. (See sunscreen section below); and
- N. Reviewing and evaluating of medication practices and documentation.

School District Policy and Procedure 3419 - Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medication and School District Policy and Procedure 3420 - Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response govern the use of injectable medication for the treatment of anaphylaxis.

Except for limited situations, no school staff other than a RN or licensed practical nurse (LPN) may administer suppositories, rectal gels, or injections (except for emergency injections for students with anaphylaxis, as stated in School District Policy and Procedure 3419 - Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medication and School District Policy and Procedure 3420 - Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response). In some situations, a parent designated adult (PDA) may administer certain injections.

If the school decides to discontinue administering a student's medication, the superintendent or designee must provide notice to the student's parent/ guardian orally and in writing prior to the

