

Medication Policy

The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of medication to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, the student would not be able to attend school if the medication were not administered during school hours, or the child is disabled and requires medication to benefit from his/her educational program.

For purposes of this policy, "practitioner" shall include any physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, physician assistant, and advanced practice nurse prescriber who is licensed in any state. "Medication" shall include all drugs including those prescribed by a practitioner and any nonprescription drug products. "Administer" means the direct application of a nonprescription drug product or prescription drug, whether by injection, ingestion, or other means, to the human body. "Nonprescription drug product" means any nonnarcotic drug product which may be sold without a prescription order and which is prepackaged for use by consumers and labeled in accordance with the requirements of State and Federal law.

Before any prescribed medication may be administered to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written instructions from the child's practitioner accompanied by the written authorization of the parent.

Nonprescription drug products may be administered to any student during school hours only with the prior written consent of the parent. Substances, which are not FDA approved (i.e. natural products, food supplements), will require the written instruction of a practitioner and the written consent of the parent. Only those nonprescription drugs that are provided by the parent in the original manufacturer's package which lists the ingredients and dosage in a legible format may be administered. Any dosage of nonprescription medication other than that listed on the medication's packaging must be authorized in writing by a medical practitioner. Students are prohibited from possessing, using, carrying, or distributing in school or on school grounds drugs or other products which, even though not defined as a drug, are used or marketed for use for medicinal purposes, such as to relieve pain or to relieve the symptoms of an underlying medical condition (including aspirin, ibuprofen, dietary supplements, CBD oil products, etc.). The provisions of this policy are to be viewed together with the Board policy on Drug Prevention, Policy 5530

Designated school personnel will administer the medication providing the following criteria are met:

- Medication to be given in school must have:
 - A written order from the physician
 - Full name on the original container
 - Name of drug and dose
 - Time to be given
 - Parent/legal guardian permission
 - Date
 - Phone number
 - All drugs are to be taken directly to the office. Students are not allowed to keep medication, whether prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs, in their desk, locker, and book bag, etc.
- The student will take medication at a designated time while supervised by authorized personnel.
- Limited quantities of the medication should be kept at school.
- All medication administered at school will be stored in a locked cabinet.
- Parents must notify the school when the dosage or time is changed. If medication is resumed, a new order must be received.
- The school shall establish an accurate and confidential record keeping system for each pupil receiving medication.
- No aspirin or other over-the-counter medication will be administered unless the medication is in the original container provided by the parent and accompanied with a written parental permission slip that includes instructions.
- For students on long-term medication, written orders for medication by the physician must be renewed annually.
- An asthmatic pupil may possess and use a metered dose inhaler or dry powder inhaler while in school, at school sponsored activity or under the supervision of a school authority.