

USE OF MEDICATIONS

The School Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication and/or medically-prescribed treatments to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, or the student would not be able to attend school if the medication or treatment were not made available during school hours.

For purposes of this policy, “medication” shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician and any over-the-counter medications. “Treatment” refers both to the manner in which a medication is administered and to healthcare procedures which require special training.

Before any prescription medication or treatment may be administered by school personnel to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the medicine be sent to school in a labeled prescription container which has at least the name of the medication, child’s name, and dosage and instructions on the label. This is to be accompanied by written permission from parent or guardian allowing school personnel to administer the medication as directed on the container.

The staff will not dispense herbal medicines while the child is at school. Only FDA approved medicines, either prescription or over the counter, will be dispensed from the health room.

Non prescription medication must be sent to school in the original container along with permission from the parent or guardian that includes dosage and time of administration.

No intravenous or intramuscular injectable medication may be administered without being prescribed by a physician. Staff members must be properly trained to administer injections.

All medication must be kept in the school office. Students who may require administration of an emergency medication may have such medication, identified as aforementioned, stored in the building administrator’s office and administered in accord with this policy, unless written permission from parent or guardian allows the student to self-administer emergency medications, (inhalers and Epi-pens) from an original container which they carry on their person. Documentation from parent or guardian for use of prescription and over-the-counter medications shall be kept on file in the office of the building administrator.

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