



Administering Medicines to Students

Administering medication to students and self-medication by students may be necessary when the failure to take such medication would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if medication were not made available during school hours. Consequently, the District may administer or a student may be permitted to take prescription or nonprescription medication under the following conditions:

1) District Administration of Medication.

- A) All requests for the District to administer prescription medication to a student shall be made by the student's parent/guardian in writing. Requests shall include the written instructions of the prescriber for the administration of a prescription medication to a student or the written instructions of the parent/guardian for the administration of a nonprescription medication to a student. A prescription label will be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements for written physician instructions.
- B) The District shall designate school staff authorized to administer medication to students. When a licensed healthcare professional is not immediately available, personnel designated by the District may administer medication to a student as prescribed and/or allowed by Oregon law.
- C) The District reserves the right to reject a request to administer prescription or nonprescription medication when, in the District's judgment, such medication is not necessary for the student to remain in school.
- D) The District may require an individualized health care plan for the administration of certain medications. These plans may address medication administration both in school and at school activities.
- E) Upon parent or guardian written request, a back-up prescribed autoinjectable epinephrine (epi-pen) may be kept at a reasonably secure location in the student's classroom.
- F) Epinephrine (epi-pens) may be available for administration by trained, designated personnel to any student or other individual on school premises who the person believes in good faith is experiencing a severe allergic reaction.
- G) Naloxone (NarCan), opioid antagonist, or any similar medication that is in any form available for safe administration and that is designed to rapidly reverse an overdose of an opioid drug may be administered by trained, designated personnel to any student or other individual on school premises who the person believes in good faith is experiencing an overdose of an opioid drug.

(2) Student Self-Administration of Medication.

- A) A student may be allowed to self-administer a medication as prescribed by an Oregon licensed health care professional, upon written and signed request of the parent/guardian and subject to age-appropriate guidelines. The parent/guardian must provide a signed prescription and a written and signed confirmation the student has been instructed by the Oregon licensed health care professional on the proper use of and responsibilities for the prescribed medication.
- B) The District may revoke the permission given to a student to self-administer medication.

(3) Handling of Medication.

- A) Prescription and nonprescription medication will be handled, stored, monitored, disposed of and records maintained in accordance with established District procedures governing the administration of prescription or nonprescription medications to students, including procedures for the disposal of sharps and glass.

(4) No Prohibition on Providing First Aid.

This policy shall not prohibit or restrict, in any way, the administration of recognized first aid to students by District employees in accordance with established state law, Board policy and regulations and District guidelines.

(5) Immunity and Limitations of Liability.

No District policy or procedure shall be interpreted to limit or detract from the immunities and other limitations on liability available under the law to persons who engage in or assist with the administration of medication to students.

Legal References: ORS 109.640; ORS 339.869; ORS 433.805 - 433.830; ORS 339.867; ORS 339.870; ORS 475.005 - 475.285; OAR 581-021-0037

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