

Administering Medicines to Students

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well being. When student's licensed health care provider and parent(s)/guardian(s) believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow the District's procedure on dispensing medication.

No School District employee shall administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed "School Medication Authorization Form" is submitted by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this policy and its implementing procedures.

A student may possess an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen) and/or medication prescribed for asthma (nebulizer/inhaler) for immediate use at the student's discretion provided the student(s)/guardian(s) have completed and signed a "School Medication Authorization Form." The School District shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication or epinephrine auto-injector or the storage of any medication by school personnel. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector and/or medication, or the storage of any medication by school personnel.

When possible, medications should be brought to the school by an adult. Any medication brought to school by a student must be turned into the office immediately upon arrival on school grounds. All medication must be in the original container that is labeled with: child's name, health care provider's name, name of medication, and dosage instructions.

MEDICATION STORAGE – Parent(s)/guardian(s) must indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of medication or the storage of the medication by school personnel.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

The Building Principal shall include this policy in the Student Handbook and shall provide a copy to the parents(s)/guardian(s) of students as part of the annual student registration process.

LEGAL REF: The Illinois School Code - 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14b, 5/10-22.21b, and 5/22-30.

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