

**ADMINISTERING MEDICINE TO STUDENTS**

Many students are able to attend school regularly only through effective use of medication in the treatment of disabilities or illnesses that will not hinder the health or welfare of others. If possible, all medication should be given by the parent at home. If this is not possible, it will be done in accordance with the following.

1. The school nurse, nurse's aide or an appropriate person appointed by the building principal will supervise the secure and proper storage and dispensation of medications. The drug must be received in the container in which it was dispensed by the prescribing physician or others licensed to prescribe medication.

The parent, guardian or other person having care or charge of the student agrees to transport all medication(s) either in person or through a system of conveyance directly from the prescribing physician or a licensed pharmacist to and from the school, and to the person authorized by the board to administer the drug(s) and/or medication(s) to the student for whom the drug(s) is/are prescribed.

2. Written permission must be received from the parent or guardian of the student, requesting that the School District comply with the physician's order.
3. The school nurse, nurse's aide or other designated individual must receive and retain a statement, which complies with State Law and is signed by the physician who prescribes the drug, or other person licensed to prescribe medication.
4. The parent, guardian or other person having care and charge of the student must agree to submit a revised statement signed by the physician or other licensed individual who prescribed the drug to the nurse, nurse's aide or other designated individual if any of the information originally provided by the physician or licensed individual changes.
5. No employee who is authorized by the Board of Education to administer a prescribed drug and who has a copy of the most recent statement would be liable in civil damages for administering or failing to administer the drug, unless he acted in a manner that would constitute "gross negligence or wanton or reckless misconduct."
6. No person employed by the Board of Education will be required to administer a drug to a student except pursuant to requirements established under this policy. The Board of Education shall not require an employee to administer a drug to a student if the employee objects, on the basis of religious convictions, to administering the drug.

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