

STUDENTS

Medication at School

The Board recognizes that a child's medication is best dispensed by the home or by the child's health care provider. However, the Board also recognizes that in some situations medications have to be administered during the school day.

If a student must receive oral or topical medication, eye drops or ear drops or nasal spray ("medications") from a designated staff member, the parent/guardian must submit a written authorization accompanied by a written request from a licensed health professional prescribing within the scope of his or her prescriptive authority. If the medication will be administered for more than fifteen consecutive days, the health professional must also provide written, current, and unexpired instructions for the administration of the medication.

The superintendent shall establish procedures for:

- A. Delegating supervision and training of staff members by a physician or registered nurse in the administration of medication to students;
- B. Designating staff members who may administer prescribed or non-prescribed medication to students;
- C. Obtaining signed and dated parental and licensed health professional requests for the dispensing of medications, including instructions from the health professional if the medication is to be given for more than fifteen days;
- D. Storing prescribed or non-prescribed medications in a locked or limited access facility;
- E. Maintaining records pertaining to the administration of medication; and
- F. Permitting, under limited circumstances, students to carry and self-administer medications necessary to their attendance at school.

Nasal spray, suppositories and non-emergency injections may not be administered by school staff other than registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. No medication will be administered by injection except when a student is susceptible to a predetermined, life-endangering situation. In such an instance, the parent will submit a written and signed permission statement. Such an authorization will be supported by signed and dated written orders accompanied by supporting directions from a licensed health professional. A staff member will be trained prior to injecting a medication.

If the district decides to discontinue administering a student's medication, the superintendent or designee must provide notice to the student's parent or guardian orally

and in writing prior to the discontinuance. There must be a valid reason for the discontinuance that does not compromise the health of the student or violate legal protections for the disabled.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210.260 Public and private schools-Administration of Oral Medication by--Conditions

RCW 28A.210.270 Public and private schools-Administration of Oral Medication by--Immunity from Liability-
Discontinuance, procedure

Adoption Date: April 24, 1985

Revised: May 11, 1994

Revised: May 23, 2001

Revised: June 26, 2002

Revised: September 10, 2014