

# ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH MEDICATIONS

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for assisting students with medications.

The district recognizes the occasional need for students to take medication at school during the school day, en route to and from school on a district vehicle or at a school sponsored activity, before, during or after school. Thus, in accordance with this policy and administrative rule, eligible students may either self-monitor and self-administer medication as prescribed in their individual healthcare plan (IHP) as set forth below or a registered nurse (RN) or a licensed practical nurse (LPN) may administer medication to students. In the event that an RN or LPN is not available, an unlicensed school employee, such as a health room aide or assistant, trained by an RN may assist students with their medications consistent with this policy and administrative rule.

The district reserves the right to deny the request of a parent/legal guardian for a student's participation in this policy and administrative rule for legitimate reasons.

## **Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP)**

The district will provide certain students with special healthcare needs an individual healthcare plan. This plan will meet the needs of the student for health monitoring and care during the school day or at school-sponsored events.

In accordance with this plan, the district will provide the authority for an eligible student to self-monitor and self-administer medication as prescribed by the student's healthcare provider, unless there is sufficient evidence that unsupervised self-monitoring or self-medication would seriously jeopardize the safety of the student or others.

The district will grant permission to self-monitor and self-administer medication based on appropriate written authorization, according to the district's administrative rule, from the parent/legal guardian and a written statement from the student's healthcare practitioner who prescribed the medication verifying that the student has a medical condition and has been instructed and demonstrates competency in self-monitoring and/or self-administration of medications.

Authorization for a student to possess on his/her person and administer medication extends to the following settings.

- the classroom and in any area of the school or school grounds
- school-sponsored activities
- in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities
- during before-school or after-school activities on school-operated property

The parent/legal guardian must sign a statement acknowledging that the district will incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from self-monitoring or self-administering medications or from taking or using medications or self-monitoring devices by the student and that the parent/legal guardian will indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against any claims arising out of the self-monitoring or self-administration of medication by the student.

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Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
  - 1. Section 40-33-70 - Amends law relating to on-site supervision of a nurse.
  - 2. Sections 59-63-80 and 90 - Policy for individual healthcare plan for certain students.
  - 3. Section 15-78-60 - Immunity from liability for districts and employees.
  - 4. Section 44-53-360 - Prescriptions.