

ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

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

1. Only employees of the School District who are licensed health professionals, or who have successfully completed a drug administration training program conducted by a licensed health professional may administer medications prescribed for a student.
2. The licensed health professional or employee who has successfully completed a drug administration training program supervises 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.
3. Written permission must be received from the parent(s) of the student, requesting that the licensed health professional or employee who has successfully completed a drug administration training program comply with the physician's order.
4. The licensed health professional or employee who has successfully completed a drug administration training program must receive and retain a statement which complies with Ohio law and is signed by the physician who prescribed the drug or other person licensed to prescribe medication.
5. If any of the information originally provided by the physician or licensed individual changes he parent(s) must agree to submit a revised statement, signed by the physician or other licensed individual who prescribed the drug to the licensed health professional or employee who has successfully completed a drug administration training program.
6. Neither the School District nor the Board nor any employee who is authorized by the Board to administer a prescribed drug and who has a copy of the most recent statement is liable in civil damages for administering or failing to administer the drug, unless he/she acts in a manner which would constitute "gross negligence or wanton or reckless misconduct."
7. No person employed by the School District is required to administer a drug to a student except pursuant to requirements established under this policy. The Board 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.

Students have the right to possess and use a metered-dose inhaler or a dry-powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms. The right applies at school or at any activity, event or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant.

In order for a student to possess the inhaler he/she must have written approval, which complies with Ohio law, from the student's physician and parent or other caretaker. The principal and/or the school nurse must have received copies of these required written approvals.

Students have the right to possess and use an epinephrine autoinjector to treat anaphylaxis. The right applies at school or at any activity, event or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant.

In order for a student to possess the autoinjector he/she must have written approval, which complies with Ohio law, from the student's physician and parent or other caretaker. The principal and/or the school nurse must have received copies of these required written approvals. In the event epinephrine is administered by the student or a school employee at school or at any of the covered events 911 shall be called immediately.

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CROSS REFS.: EBBA, First Aid/Emergency Medical Authorization