

The board recognizes that students attending the schools in this district may be required to take medication while at school, either on a short-term or daily basis. The role of the district is to protect the health and safety of all students. If requested by the parent/guardian, the school will provide an appropriate place for storing the medication and will supervise the dispensing of the medication.

If a student must take medication during the school day, the district will implement the following guidelines:

A. SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF METERED-DOSE INHALER, EPINEPHRINE AUTO INJECTOR, DIABETES MEDICATION AND BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING

1. Any student for whom a metered-dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler, epinephrine auto-injector, or diabetes medication is prescribed by a physician or other authorized medical professional, for treatment of asthma or other potentially life-threatening respiratory illness, life threatening allergy or diabetes will be permitted to self-administer such medication during the school day.
2. A student who is permitted to self-administer medication consistent with this policy is permitted to possess and use a prescribed medication at all times.
3. A student who is permitted to self-administer medication consistent with this policy may be required to maintain a current duplicate of the prescription medication with the school nurse or the school administrator.
4. A student who is permitted to self-administer and carry medication consistent with this policy is required to have a Medication Consent Form on file signed by a parent or guardian.
5. For purposes of section A of this policy:
 - a. "Medication" means an epinephrine auto-injector, meter-dosed inhaler or a dry powder inhaler, or insulin, prescribed by a physician and having an individual label; and
 - b. "Self-administration" means a student's use of medication pursuant to prescription or written direction from a physician.

B. OTHER PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

1. The parent/guardian must submit a written request to the school if he or she wants the school to store and/or administer the medication.
2. The medication must be in its original container.
3. The student's name, prescription number, doctor, and directions must be clearly set forth on the container.

C. NON-PRESCRIPTION (OVER THE COUNTER) MEDICATIONS

The student must have a parent/guardian signature on file permitting the dispensing of non-prescription medication before any medication can be given during school hours.

D. ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

1. Generally, medications should be dispensed to students before and/or after school hours under the supervision of the parent/guardian. Medications should be dispensed at school only when necessary to meet the health needs of the student.
2. Parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the school that a student requires medication on a regular or emergency basis, and supplying the medications and instructions for dispensing the medications.
3. All medications that are not self-administered will be kept in a secure, appropriate area as determined by school administration.
4. It is the student's responsibility to come to the office at the appropriate time to take his or her medication, unless the student has a disability and is unable to do so.
5. No medications, prescription or non-prescription, will be dispensed by a nurse, teacher, secretary, or other personnel to a student without written permission from the student's parent/guardian.
6. Any medication which a student must have in case of emergency will be kept in an easily accessible location.
7. No students are allowed to possess prescription or non-prescription medications on district property or at district-sponsored events unless specifically approved by parent/guardian and district medical personnel, and a medication permission form on file or in student's possession.
8. Parent or Guardian is responsible to bring all prescription/non-prescription medication to the school with the exception of those medications that are allowed to be self-administered according to this policy.
9. Send only the amount of medication needed at school. All medication left at the end of the school year will be discarded.

LEGAL REFERENCE: *Idaho Code* Sections:33-506(1) 33-520

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