

POLICY TITLE: Possession and Self-Administration of Medication		
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Students are prohibited from possessing or using any type of medication on school property; school buses or at school activities subject to the exceptions set forth below.

1. Definitions

Medication means prescription or nonprescription substances used to relieve or treat a medical, physical, mental or emotional problem or condition including Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Aspirin and similar substances.

Emergency Medication means an asthma inhaler, EpiPen or other drug pertaining to a student's asthma or other airway constricting disease or any other drug which a student may need on an emergency basis and that is dispensed for a student only on the prescription of a health practitioner.

Health Practitioner means a physician or other individual authorized by law to prescribe drugs or devices.

2. Students may possess and self-administer emergency medication provided that:

- a) the student has a prior written order from the student's health practitioner and, if the student is a minor, the prior written approval of the student's parent or guardian authorizing such use and self-administration;
- b) the student's parent or guardian has obtained written verification from the student's healthcare practitioner confirming that the student has the knowledge and skills to safely possess and self-administer the medication.

3. The health practitioner statements described above and required under this policy shall be provided to the student's school at least annually and shall be maintained in the student's file.

4. A school nurse shall assess the student's ability to demonstrate a skill level necessary to ensure proper and effective use of the medication in school.

5. Except as allowed pursuant to paragraph 2 above, no student shall possess or administer emergency medication or medication. All medications and emergency medications not authorized under paragraph 2 shall be delivered by parents to the school; stored by the school nurse; and administered by appropriate school personnel.
6. A student and/or his/her parents/guardians who qualifies to possess and self-administer emergency medication pursuant to this policy shall complete such forms as the Superintendent/designee may direct in order to meet the needs of the student and protect the safety of the overall school environment, including contracts for self-administration of medication.
7. Any student who violates this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

Board Approval Acknowledged By:

Patricia L. Skebeck, Secretary and Treasurer
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