

Policy 5001.2: Administration of Medication to Students

Students may be required to take medication during the school day. Medication shall be administered by the school nurse, a registered medication aide, or other school staff member meeting the minimum competency standards for the Medication Aide Act.

Medication will not be administered without written authorization that is signed and dated by the parent or legal guardian. The medication must be in the original container which is labeled by the pharmacy or the manufacturer with the name of the child. The name of the medication, the time of the day which it is to be given, the dosage and the duration must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.

Written authorization will also be secured when the parent requests student co-administration of medication when student competency is demonstrated. A written record of the administration of medication procedure must be kept for each child receiving medication including the date; student's name; prescriber or person authorizing the administration; the medication and its dosage; the name, signature and title of the person administering the medication; the time and method of administration; and any unusual circumstances, actions or omissions. Administration of medication records shall be kept confidential.

Records shall be available to the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the State Department of Education for inspection and copying.

Medication will be kept in a secured area. Students may carry medication only with the written approval of the parents and building principal of the student's attendance center.

The superintendent shall be responsible, in conjunction with the school nurse or medication aide, for developing rules and regulations governing the administration of medication, prescription and nonprescription, including emergency protocols, to students and for ensuring persons administering medication have met the requirement of state statutes. Annually, each student shall be provided with the requirements for administration of medication at school.

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Administrative Guidelines for Policy 5001.2

Self-Management of Diabetes and Asthma/Anaphylaxis

The district and parent or guardian, in consultation with the student's physician, will develop a diabetes or asthma/anaphylaxis medical management plan for the current school year.

The plan shall:

1. Identify the health care services the student may receive at the school relating to the condition;
2. Evaluate the student's understanding of and ability to self-manage his/her condition;
3. Permit regular monitoring of the student's self-management of his/her condition by an appropriately credentialed health care professional; and
4. Be signed by the student's parent or guardian and the physician responsible for treatment of the student's condition.

For asthma/anaphylaxis the plan will also:

1. Include the name, purpose, and dosage of the prescription medication prescribed for such student; and
2. Include procedures for storage and access to backup supplies of such prescription medication.

The parent or guardian shall sign a statement that:

1. The district and its employees and agents are not liable for any injury or death arising from a student's self-management of his/her condition; and
2. Shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against a claim arising from a student's self-management of his/her condition.
3. Any injury to others as a result of the student's self-medication shall be the parents' responsibility

Legal Reference: 34 C.F.R. §99.1 to 99.67 (1994)
 Neb. Statute 71-6718 (Medication Aide Act)
 79-249
 173 N.A.C. ch. 3, sect. 001-009.04

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