

USE OF MEDICATIONS

The School Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication and/or medically-prescribed treatments to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, the student would not be able to attend school if the medication or treatment were not made available during school hours, or if the child is disabled and requires medication to benefit from his/her educational program.

For purposes of this policy, "medication" shall include all medicines including those prescribed by a physician and any nonprescribed (over-the-counter) drugs, preparations, and/or remedies. "Treatment" refers both to the manner in which a medication is administered and to health-care procedures which require special training, such as catheterization. A "duly licensed practitioner" refers to a licensed physician - M.D., D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathy), or a licensed Podiatric physician; a licensed ARNP, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner; or a licensed dentist. The term "psychotropic medication" means a prescription medication that is used for the treatment of mental disorders and includes, without limitation, antihypnotics, antipsychotics, antidepressants, anxiety agents, sedatives, psychomotor stimulants, and mood stabilizers.

Before any prescribed medication or treatment may be administered to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written prescription from the child's physician accompanied by the written authorization of the parent. Before any nonprescribed medication or treatment may be administered, the board shall require the prior written consent of the parent along with a waiver of any liability of the District for the administration of the medication. These documents shall be kept on file in the school clinic, and made available to the persons designated by this policy as authorized to administer medication or treatment. Parents may administer medication or treatment. The child's physician and the parent must also authorize in writing any self-medication by the student. Medication shall not be carried on a student's person in the school except as approved by the principal. No student is allowed to provide or sell any type of over-the-counter or prescribed medication to another student. Violations of this rule will be considered violations of Policy 5530 – Drug prevention and Policy 5500, Student Conduct.

Students who may require administration of an emergency medication may have such medication stored under lock and key in the clinic/school office and administered in accord with this policy.

Only medication in its original container; labeled with the date, if a prescription; the student's name, exact dosage, time or other special circumstances under which the medication is to be administered. The principal will designate person(s) to be

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responsible for accepting, counting, and administering the medication. The designated person(s) will complete a medication log for each student when medication is administered. Medication will be counted and stored properly in the original container under lock and key. Proper disposal of unused medication shall be the responsibility of the principal.

The Board shall permit the administration by a licensed nurse of any medication requiring intravenous or intramuscular injection or the insertion of a device into the body when both the medication and the procedure are prescribed by a physician and the staff member has completed any necessary training.

Inservice programs directed by the school principal, designee, and Brevard County Public Health Nurse(s) will be conducted for those authorized to administer medication.

~~Medication shall not be carried on a student's person in the school except as approved by the principal. The Board shall permit a student to carry in his/her possession medically necessary emergency medications and/or devices to deliver these medications, which are prescribed to treat life threatening conditions. The Board shall require proper documentation from a duly licensed practitioner and written authorization from the student's parent. The school nurse or other school staff shall notify the principal. The Brevard County Health Department will continue to provide annual Level 1 training for principals.~~

Misuse or abuse of any medically necessary emergency medications or devices that may cause a threat to the safety of others or cause a disruption while on school property or in attendance at a school function may result in suspension, expulsion, and/or referral to the proper law enforcement agencies, in accordance with Policy 5500 – Student Conduct.

~~Before any nonprescribed medication or treatment may be administered, the Board shall require the prior written consent of the parent along with a waiver of any liability of the District for the administration of the medication. If a student requires administration of an herbal supplement or over the counter medication beyond a ten (10) day period, written approval from a duly licensed practitioner is required. Furthermore, no student is allowed to provide or sell any type of over the counter medication to another student. Violations of this rule will be considered violations of Policy 5530 – Drug Prevention.~~

~~Psychotropic medications are a class of medication that may be administered to students during the school day. Psychotropic medications may or may not improve the performance of a student. No student will be denied an education or access to programs/services for parent refusal to place a student on such medications.~~

A public school teacher and School District personnel may share school-based observations of a student's academic, functional, and behavioral performance with the student's parent and offer program options and other assistance that is available to the parent and the student based on the observations. A public school teacher, and School District personnel may not, however, compel or attempt to compel any specific actions by the parent or require that a student take psychotropic medication. Any medical decision made to address a student's needs is a matter between the student, the student's parent, and a competent health care professional chosen by the parent.

The School District and its employees are not liable for damages as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of prescribed medications or supplements and/or the use of medical devices associated with these medications.

The Superintendent shall prepare administrative procedures to ensure the proper implementation of this policy.

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