

Board Policy

Code No. 504.4

STUDENT MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Some students may need prescription and nonprescription medication to participate in their educational program. These students shall receive medication as an accompaniment to their educational program.

Medication shall be administered when the student's parent or guardian (hereafter "parent") provides a signed and dated written statement requesting medication administration at school, and the medication is in the original labeled container, either as dispensed or in the manufacturer's container with the name of the child, name of the medication, the time of day which it is to administered, the dosage and the duration.

When administration of the medication requires ongoing professional health judgment, an individual health plan shall be developed by the licensed health personnel with the student and the student's parent. Students may self-administer their inhalers for asthma. By Iowa law, students with asthmas or other airway constricting diseases may self-administer their medication upon approval of their parents and prescribing physician regardless of competency.

Persons administering medication shall include the licensed registered nurse, parent, physician and persons who have successfully completed a medication administration course reviewed by the Board of Pharmacy Examiners. A medication administration course and periodic update shall be conducted by a registered nurse or licensed pharmacist, and a record of course completion kept on file at school. Students may carry medication (other than asthma and other airway constricting disease medications) only with the approval of the parents, doctor, and building principal of the student's attendance center.

The Superintendent shall be responsible, in conjunction with the school nurse, for developing rules and regulations governing the administration of medication, prescription and nonprescription, including emergency protocols, to students and for:

- Medication;
- Medication dosage;
- Administration time;
- Administration method;
- Name, signature, and title of person administering medication; and
- Any unusual circumstances, actions, or omissions.

Medications shall be stored in a secured area unless an alternate provision is documented in an individual student's health plan.

Emergency protocols for medication-related reactions shall be posted.

Medication information shall be confidential information, and shall be available to school personnel with parental authorization.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code 155A, 4(2), Iowa Code Education (281)-41.2(281: 12.3(9) Pharmacy (657)-10.16(204), IAC, Iowa Code 280.16

Cross Reference: 500 Series: Student Health and Immunization Certificates, Communicable Diseases - Students, and Injury or Illness at School. 600 Series: Student Health Services

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