

Book Policy Manual

Section 5000 Students

Title USE OF MEDICATIONS

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5330 - 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.

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. The first dosage of any new prescribed medication shall not be administered during school hours due to the possibility of an allergic reaction.

These documents shall be kept in the school clinic, and made available to the persons designated by this policy as authorized to administer medication or treatment. 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 and of the Student Code of Conduct/Discipline Code.

Only medication in its original container; labeled with the date, if a prescription; the student's name; exact dosage to be administered; and a list of possible side effects. The Superintendent shall determine a location in each building where the medications to be administered under this policy shall be stored, which shall be a locked storage place, unless the medications require refrigeration in which case they shall be stored in a refrigerator not commonly used by students. Parents or students authorized in writing by physician and parents, may administer medication or treatment.

However, students shall be permitted to carry and use, as necessary, an asthma inhaler, provided the student has prior written permission from his/her parent and physician and has submitted Form 5330 F3, Authorization for the Possession and Use of Asthma Inhalers, to the principal and any school nurse assigned to the building.

Students who meet criteria under the State of Florida Medical Marijuana Program (MMP), are required to abide by Policy 5330.02- Medical Marijuana/ Low THC Cannabis Use to Qualified Students in Schools. The form **Authorization for Medical Marijuana/ Low THC cannabis Use for Qualified Students at School Form** must be completed by a qualifying physician and State of Florida Medical Marijuana Program identification cards for both caregiver and student must be received by the school before medical marijuana can be administered by the parent or caregiver.

To the specific extent authorized by Florida Statutes 381.986, the Superintendent shall establish procedures which permit authorized caregivers access to qualified students for the limited purposes of administering

prescribed medical marijuana while at school. Qualified students would only receive the medical marijuana/low THC cannabis by their primary caregiver as ordered, recommended, and documented by a physician. Such procedures, however, shall not permit school nurses, health care personnel, nor school administrators to administer or transport the medical marijuana in any form. If the Federal government indicates that the School Board's Federal funds are jeopardized by this specific policy provision, then the same shall be immediately suspended, and reasonable notice of such suspension shall be posted on the District website in accordance with the procedures set forth by AP 5330.02.

Each principal shall designate a person(s) on staff to administer medication pursuant to this policy and shall submit the names of those so designated to the Superintendent annually.

Additionally the Board shall permit the administration by a licensed nurse or other authorized staff member 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 nurse/staff member has completed any and all necessary training.

Students who may require administration of an emergency medication may have such medication, identified as aforementioned, stored in the school clinic and administered in accord with this policy.

All dental disease prevention programs, sponsored by the Florida Department of Health and administered by school employees, parents, volunteers, employees of local health districts, or employees of the Florida Department of Health, which utilize prescription drugs for the prevention of dental disease and which are conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida Department of Health are exempt from all requirements of this policy.

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