

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES AND ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

The superintendent shall be responsible for establishing specific procedures to carry out school health related activities, including protecting and controlling medications administered in all schools. The school shall have qualified personnel to carry out appropriate school health related activities.

If the school nurse is not available to a school for any reason, at least one other person who has current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification must be available.

Medication should not be taken during school hours if it is possible to achieve medical regimen at home. In the case where medication must be taken during school hours, medication is to be administered by the nurse or by authorized personnel.

All students' prescribed or over-the-counter medications, with the exception of an Epinephrine Auto-Injector or an Inhaler, must be kept in a locked container under the direction of the school nurse and/or building administrator. No prescription medication is to be administered by school personnel except as prescribed by a doctor and accompanied by a parental permission form. Over the counter medications are to be administered by school personnel only when accompanied by a written parental permission form. All medication to be dispensed must be in the original container and properly labeled.

If authorized in writing by the student's physician and parent/legal guardian, a pupil may possess and self-administer a meter dosed inhaler or dry powder inhaler to alleviate or prevent asthmatic symptoms, use auto-injectors for severe allergic reactions, or other injectable medications. In addition to the written authorization form, the parent or guardian must also provide written proof of the diagnosis from certified medical personnel, and verification that the student has the knowledge and skills to safely possess and use the medication in a school setting. Students shall not share any prescription or over-the-counter medication.

A plan for recording medication administered to students will be established. Student health records will be kept and will conform to policy GBJ-Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Any student leaving class because of illness must report to the health service personnel or to the office. Any release from school will be in accordance with school procedure.



Legal References:

RSA 200:42, *Health and Sanitation: Possession and Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors Permitted*

RSA 200:43, *Health and Sanitation: Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injector*

RSA 200:44, *Health and Sanitation: Availability of Epinephrine Auto-Injector*

RSA 200:45, *Health and Sanitation: Immunity*

RSA 200:46, *Health and Sanitation: Possession and Self-Administration of Asthma Inhalers Permitted*

RSA 200:47, *Health and Sanitation: Immunity*

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.12(b)(2), *School Health Services: Special Physical Health Needs of Students*

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 311.02(d); *School Health Services: Medication during School Day*

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