

ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

Medications Prescribed for Individual Students

Employees of Waynesboro School Board may give medication prescribed for individual students only pursuant to the written order of a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and with written permission from the student's parent or guardian. Such medicine must be in the original container and delivered to the principal, school nurse, or school division designee by the parent or guardian of the student.

Nonprescription Medications

Employees of Waynesboro School Board may give nonprescription medication to students only with the written permission of the parent or guardian. Such permission shall include the name of the medication, the required dosage of the medication, and the time the medicine is to be given. Such medicine must be in the original container and delivered to the principal, school nurse, or school division designee by the parent or guardian of the student.

Self-Administration of Medication

Self-administration of any medication with the exception of asthma medication, auto-injectable epinephrine, and diabetic management medications, as discussed below, is prohibited for students in grades kindergarten through five.

Students in grades six through twelve may be allowed to possess and self-administer non-prescription medicine when the following conditions are met:

- Written parental or guardian permission for self-administration of specific non-prescription medication is maintained with the medication in the student's possession.
- The non-prescription medication is in the original container and appropriately labeled with the manufacturer's directions.
- The student's name is affixed to the container.
- The student possesses only the amount of non-prescription medicine needed for one school day/activity.

Sharing, borrowing, distributing, manufacturing or selling any medication is prohibited. Permission to self-administer non-prescription medication may be revoked if the student violates this policy and the student may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Standards of Student Conduct.

Self-Administration of Asthma Medications, Auto-Injectable Epinephrine, and Diabetic Management Medications

Students with a diagnosis of asthma, anaphylaxis, or diabetes, are permitted to possess and self-administer inhaled asthma medication, auto-injectable epinephrine, and/or diabetic management medications and possess and maintain needed equipment and supplies to monitor their diabetes, which include but not limited to, an insulin pump and device, blood glucose monitor, lancets, insulin needles, alcohol swabs, glucagon kit, and oral carbohydrates to treat hypoglycemia, in accordance with this policy during the school day, at school sponsored activities, or while on a school bus or other school property. A student may possess and self-administer asthma medication, auto injectable epinephrine, and/or diabetic management medications and possess and maintain needed equipment and supplies, listed above, to monitor their diabetes, when the following conditions are met:

- Written parental or guardian consent that the student may self-administer inhaled asthma medications, auto-injectable epinephrine, and/or diabetic management medications and to possess and maintain needed equipment and supplies, listed above, to monitor their diabetes, is on file with the school.

Written notice from the student's health care provider is on file with the school, indicating the identity of the student, stating the diagnosis of asthma, anaphylaxis, and/or diabetes, and approving self-administration of inhaled asthma medications, auto-injectable epinephrine, and/or diabetic management medications; and that the student may possess and maintain needed diabetic equipment and supplies, listed above, to monitor their diabetes. The health care provider must specifically list medications that have been prescribed for the student; specifying the name and dosage of the medication, the frequency in which it is to be administered, and the circumstances which may warrant its use; and attesting to the student's demonstrated ability to safely and effectively self-administer the medication for asthma, anaphylaxis, and/or diabetes appropriately. In the management of diabetes, the health care provider must also attest to the student's demonstrated ability to safely and effectively monitor their diabetes including appropriate action based on testing results, proper technique and safety measures in blood glucose monitoring, proper disposal of needles and sharps, and maintaining proper infection control in any setting.

- An individualized health care plan is prepared, including emergency procedures for any life-threatening conditions.
- There is a consultation with the student's parent or guardian before any limitations or restrictions are imposed on a student's possession and self-administration of inhaled asthma medications, auto-injectable epinephrine, and/or diabetic management medications and supplies, listed above, at any point during the school year is revoked.
- Self-administration of inhaled asthma medications, auto-injectable epinephrine, and or diabetic management medications and supplies, listed above, is consistent with the purposes of the Virginia School Health Guidelines and the Guidelines for Specialized Health Care procedure Manual, which are jointly issued by the Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Department of Health.
- Information regarding the health condition of the student may be disclosed to school board employees in accordance with state and federal law governing the disclosure of information contained in student scholastic records.
- Permission granted to a student to possess and self-administer asthma medications, auto-injectable epinephrine, and/or diabetic management medications and supplies, listed above, will be effective for a period of one full school year (180 school calendar days), and must be renewed annually. However, a student's right to possess and self-administer inhaled asthma medication, auto-injectable epinephrine, and or diabetic management medications, may be limited or revoked after appropriate school personnel consult with the student's parents.

Epinephrine

Pursuant to an order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, any school nurse, School Board employee, employee of a local appropriating body or employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine may possess epinephrine and administer it to any student believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction.

Regulation

The superintendent shall develop a regulation for administration of medicines to students. The regulation shall include provisions for the handling, storage, monitoring, documentation and disposal of medication.

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Cross Ref.: EBBA First Aid/CPR Certified Personnel, JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct, JHCE Recommendation of Medication by School Personnel, JO Student Record