

NORTH SCHUYLKILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

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210. USE OF MEDICATIONS	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication in accordance with the direction of a parent/guardian or family physician to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student, or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not made available during school hours.</p>
2. Definition	<p>For purposes of this policy, medication shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician and any over the counter medicines.</p>
3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 7.13	<p>Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school hours or school-sponsored trips, the Board shall require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The written request of the parent/guardian, giving permission for such administration and relieving the Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication. 2. The written order from the prescribing physician, which shall include the name of the student, purpose of the medication, dosage, time at which or special circumstances under which the medication shall be administered, length of period for which medication is prescribed, and possible side effects of medication. <p>The document(s) shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the administration and self-administration of students' medications.</p> <p>All medications shall be administered by the school nurse or designee, the parent/guardian, or self-administered by the student upon written request from the physician.</p> <p>In the absence of any of the above delegated persons authorized to administer essential medications, the principal shall be the overseer of this policy.</p>

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<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>The school nurse shall maintain a record of the name of the student for whom essential medications are administered, the prescribing physician, the dosage and timing of medication, and a notation of each instance of administration. These records shall be maintained for five (5) consecutive school years.</p> <p>Building administrators and the nursing department shall review regularly the procedures for administration and self-administration of medications and shall evaluate recordkeeping, safety practices, and effectiveness of this policy.</p> <p>The district shall inform all parents/guardians, students and staff about the policy and procedures governing the administration of medications.</p> <p>When an illness is serious enough to warrant the administration of medication, the parent/guardian should attempt to administer the medication before or after school.</p> <p>All medication shall be brought to school in the original properly labeled container.</p> <p>All medications shall be securely stored and kept in the original labeled container.</p> <p>All medication must be registered and must remain in the nurse's office.</p> <p>The school nurse shall maintain a record of the name of the student to whom medication may be administered, the prescribing physician, the dosage and timing of medication, and a notation each instance of administration.</p> <p>To self-administer medication, the student must be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Respond to and visually recognize his/her name.2. Identify his/her medication.3. Measure, pour and administer the prescribed dosage.4. Sign his/her medication sheet to acknowledge having taken the medication.5. Demonstrate a cooperative attitude in all aspects of self-administration.
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