

Students

Administering Medication

Medicinal preparations shall be administered in the schools only when it is not possible to achieve the desired effects by home administration during school hours and only upon written authorization of the attending physician, dentist, advanced practice registered nurse or nurse anesthetists, or licensed physician assistant and written authorization of the parent or guardian. The District's School Medical Advisor (or other qualified physician) shall approve this policy, its regulations and any changes.

Students in the Waterford Public Schools may take medication while at school only after the "Authorization for the Administration of Medicines by School Personnel" form is signed by both the student's physician/dentist and parent or guardian, completely filled out, and on file at the student's school.

Prescribed medication shall be administered to and taken by only the person for whom the prescription has been written. The above policy covers all prescriptions including controlled drugs listed in schedules II through V of Connecticut State Agencies, Sections 21a-243-8 to 21a-243-11 and over the counter drugs including aspirin and acetaminophen (aspirin substitute).

A child with diabetes may test his/her own blood glucose level per the written order of a physician or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) stating the need and the capacity of such child to conduct self-testing. Such self-testing shall be pursuant to guidelines promulgated by the Commissioner of Education.

The school nurse will administer all medications during the hours that she (he) is on duty in the school building. In the absence of the nurse or other licensed nursing personnel, the principal or teachers designated in writing by the principal shall be permitted to administer authorized medicinal preparations upon completion of training in the safe administration of medicinal preparations and be familiar with policy and regulations relating thereto. Coaches are also authorized to administer medication to students participating in intramural and interscholastic athletics.

A trained paraprofessional, through a plan approved by a school nurse supervisor and school medical advisor, may be designated to administer medication with a cartridge injector, to a particular student diagnosed with an allergy that may require prompt treatment to avoid serious harm or death. The approved plan requires the written authorization of the student's parent/guardian and be pursuant to the written order from the student's doctor or APRN or physician assistant licensed to prescribe medication.

Directors, or their designees, of school readiness programs and before or after school programs that are District-administered or administered by a municipal agency or department and are located in a District public school may give medicine, pursuant to State Board of Education regulations, to children enrolled in these programs.

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Students may self-medicate only with the specific written order from their physician/dentist and from their parent or guardian. In compliance with all applicable state statutes and regulations, parents/guardians may administer medication to their own children on school grounds.

Students are to be administered medications under this policy only during regularly scheduled school hours or during approved Board of Education sponsored activities.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

52-557b Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance first aid or medication taken by injection. School personnel not required to administer or render.

10-212a Administration of medications in schools. (as amended by PA 99-2, and June Special Session, PA 03-211, PA 04-181 and PA 07-241).

20-12d Medical functions performed by physician assistants. Prescription authority.

20-94a Licensure as advanced practice registered nurse.

PA 04-181 An Act Concerning the Administration of Medication in Schools, Concerning School Nurses, and Repealing an Obsolete Section of the Statutes.

PA 07-241 An Act Concerning Minor Changes to the Education Statutes.

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