

Two Rivers Public School District Bylaws & Policies

5330 - ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION/EMERGENCY CARE

The Board of Education shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of medication 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 were not administered during school hours, or the child is disabled and requires medication to benefit from his/her educational program.

For purposes of this policy, "practitioner" shall include any physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, physician assistant, and advanced practice nurse prescriber who is licensed in any state. "Medication" shall include all drugs including those prescribed by a practitioner and any non-prescription (over-the-counter) drugs. Administer means the direct application of a drug or prescription drug whether by injection, ingestion, or other means, to the human body.

Before any prescribed medication may be administered to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written prescription and instructions from the child's practitioner accompanied by the written authorization of the parent.

Before any over-the-counter medication may be administered, the Board shall require the prior written consent of the parent. Medications will be administered by the District in accordance with the District Administrator's guidelines. No student is allowed to possess or to provide or sell any type of medication to another student.

Nonprescription drug products may be administered to any student during school hours only with the prior written consent of the parent. Substances, which are not FDA approved (i.e. natural products, food supplements), will require the written instruction of a practitioner and the written consent of the parent. Only those nonprescription drugs that are provided by the parent, guardian, or designee in the original manufacturers package which lists the ingredients and dosage in a legible format may be administered.

Only medication in its original container; labeled with the date, if a prescription; the student's name; and exact dosage will be administered. Parents, or students authorized in writing by their practitioner and parents, may administer medication.

Any bus driver, staff member or volunteer, authorized in writing by the District Administrator or a principal, is immune from liability for his/her acts or omissions in administering medication including, but not limited to glucagon and epinephrine, unless the act or omission constitutes a high degree of negligence. Such immunity does not apply to health-care professionals.

All prescription medication shall be kept in a locked storage case in the school.

The Board shall permit the administration by staff 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 practitioner and the staff member has completed any necessary training.

Students who may require administration of a drug on an emergency basis may have such medication in their possession with written authorization of their parent.

Any staff member or volunteer who, in good faith, renders emergency care to a student is immune from civil liability for his/her acts or omissions in rendering such emergency care.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS

Medications should be administered to school children by parents at home whenever

possible. School personnel, may administer medications to students under the supervision of the school nurse.

Before any prescription medication may be administered to a student, school personnel must receive written parental consent and written instructions from the student's health care provider. Written parental consent and instructions must be obtained before administering any non-prescription medications to students.

All medication must be in the original labeled container with the student name and instructions for administration.

No school personnel, except the school nurse, shall be required to administer any medication to a student by any means other than ingestion. School personnel voluntarily accepting the responsibility of administering medication by any means other than ingestion shall be provided appropriate instruction from the school nurse. These nursing procedures must be delegated to school personnel under the general direction of a registered nurse, pursuant to the State Nurse Practice Act and State Board of Nursing regulations.

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