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### Medication at School

For the purpose of this policy, “medication” is defined as any prescribed or non-prescribed medication, including over-the-counter (OTC) items, vitamins, homeopathic remedies, creams, and/or oils to be administered at school. Under normal circumstances, ~~prescribed or non-prescribed (“over-the-counter”)~~ medication should be ~~dispensed~~ administered before and/or after school hours under the supervision of the parent/~~or~~ guardian.

If a student must receive ~~prescribed or non-prescribed~~ oral or topical medication, eye drops, ear drops, or nasal spray (~~“medications”~~) from an authorized staff member due to a valid health reason which makes administration of the medication advisable during the hours when school is in session or the hours in which the student is under the supervision of school officials, the parent/guardian must submit a written authorization request accompanied by written instructions authorization from a licensed health care professional provider (LHCP), prescribing within the scope of ~~his or her~~ their prescriptive authority. If the medication will be administered for more than fifteen (15) consecutive days, the LHCP must also provide written, current, and unexpired instructions for the administration of the medication.

~~Over-the-counter~~ OTC topical sunscreen products may be possessed and used by students without a written prescription or note from an ~~licensed health care provider~~ LHCP.

The superintendent shall establish procedures for:

#### A. Designating staff members who may administer medication to students;

BA. Training, delegation, and supervision of staff members in the administration of ~~prescribed or non-prescribed~~ oral medication, topical medication, eye drops, ear drops, or nasal spray of any nature per RCW 28A210.260 to students by a ~~licensed health care professional or~~ registered nurse (RN);

~~B. Designating staff members who may administer prescribed or non-prescribed medication to students;~~

C. Obtaining signed and dated parent/guardian and ~~licensed health care professional~~ LHCP requests and authorization for the dispensing administration of ~~prescribed or non-prescribed~~ medications, including instructions from the LHCP if the medication is to be given for more than fifteen (15) days ~~licensed health care professional~~;

D. Storing ~~prescribed or non-prescribed~~ medication in a locked or limited access facility area;

E. Maintaining records pertaining to the administration of ~~prescribed or non-prescribed~~ medication;

F. Permitting, under limited circumstances, students to carry and self-administer medications necessary to their attendance at school as indicated in the parent’s/guardian’s written authorization and the written instructions from a ~~licensed health care professional~~ LHCP prescribing within the scope of ~~his/her~~ their prescriptive authority; and

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G. Permitting possession and self-administration of ~~over-the-counter~~ **OTC** topical sunscreen products. and

H. Discontinuance of the administration of ~~prescribed or non-prescribed oral~~ medication.

~~Medications administered by nasal~~ **Nasal** spray **medications that are a legend drug or a controlled substance,** or ~~injection~~ **injected medications** may not be administered by school staff other than ~~registered nurses~~ **RNs** or licensed practical nurses (**LPNs**) except as allowed by Policy [3409](#) and Procedure and [3409P](#).

## Medical Marijuana

**Washington State law [RCW 69.51A.060](#) permits the use of medical marijuana; however, federal law (Title IV-Part A—Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities and the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) (21 U.S.C. § 811) prohibits the possession and use of marijuana on the premises of recipients of federal funds including educational institutions. Therefore, there will be no accommodation of any marijuana use on school district property. This prohibition extends to all schools, district buildings, district property and district-owned vehicles.**

Cross References: [Board Policy 2151](#)  
[Board Policy 2210](#)

[Board Policy 2211](#)

[Board Policy 3409](#)

[Board Policy 3410](#)

[Procedure 3416P](#)

[Board Policy 4205](#)

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Legal References: [RCW 18.71](#)  
[RCW 18.79](#)  
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