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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, **all student** medications, **both prescription and OTC**, should be administered before or after school hours under the supervision of the parent/guardian.

If When it is necessary for a student ~~must to~~ receive oral or topical medication, eye drops, ear drops, or nasal spray ~~from an authorized staff member at school or at school-sponsored events, 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 request accompanied by written authorization **form** from a licensed health care provider (LHCP), prescribing within the scope of 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.

OTC topical sunscreen products may be possessed and used by students without a written prescription or note from an LHCP.

The superintendent **or designee** shall establish procedures for **required and proper**:

- A. Designating staff members who may administer medication to students;
- B. Training, delegation, and supervision of staff members in the administration of oral medication, topical medication, eye drops, ear drops, **and**/or nasal spray of any nature per [RCW 28A.210.260](#) to students by a registered nurse (RN);
- C. Obtaining signed and dated parent/guardian and LHCP requests and authorization for the administration of medications, including instructions from the LHCP if the medication is to be given for more than fifteen (15) days;

D. Transporting medications to and from school;

~~E.~~ Storing medication in a locked or limited access area;

F. Labeling medication;

G. Administration of medication, including identification of student and medication;

H. Documenting administration of medication, including errors, reactions, or side effects;

I. Disposing of medications;

~~J.~~ Maintaining records pertaining to the administration of medication;

K. Maintaining student confidentiality;

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LF. Permitting, ~~as appropriate, under limited circumstances, students to carry possession~~ and self-~~administer~~**administration of** medications necessary ~~to their~~ **for student school** attendance ~~at school~~ as indicated in the parent's/guardian's written authorization and the written instructions from a LHCP prescribing within the scope of their prescriptive authority;

MG. Permitting possession and self-administration of OTC topical sunscreen products; ~~and~~

N. **Reviewing and evaluating medication practices and documentation; and**

MH. Discontinuance of the administration of medication.

Nasal spray medications that are a legend drug or a controlled substance, or injected medications may not be administered by school staff other than RNs or licensed practical nurses (LPNs) except as allowed by [Policy 3409](#) and [Procedure 3409P](#), **Students with Diabetes, Life-Threatening Allergies, Asthma and Seizures.**

Except for limited situations, no school staff other than a RN or licensed practical nurse (LPN) may administer suppositories, rectal gels, or injections (except for emergency injections for students with anaphylaxis, as stated in [Policy 3409](#) and [Procedure 3409P](#), Students with Diabetes, Life-Threatening Allergies, Asthma and Seizures. In some situations, a parent designated adult (PDA) may administer certain injections.

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. **School nurses may not administer medical marijuana. This prohibition extends to all schools, district buildings, district property and district-owned vehicles. See Policy 3415 – Parental Administration of Marijuana for Medical Purposes. Therefore, there will be no regarding accommodation of any parental administration of medical marijuana use in an identified location on school district property, school grounds, district provided transportation, and school-sponsored activities. 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](#)

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[Procedure 3416P](#)
[Board Policy 4205](#)

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Legal references:

[RCW 18.71](#)
[RCW 18.79](#)
[RCW 18.79.260](#)

[RCW 28A.210.260](#)

[RCW 28A.210.270](#)

[RCW 28A.210.278](#)

[RCW 28A.210.320](#)

[RCW 28A.210.325](#)

[RCW 69.51A.225](#)

[WAC 246-840-700](#)

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