

Title: Student Medication Administration

Some students may need prescription and non-prescription medication during the school day. Medication shall be administered by a licensed registered nurse, parent, physician or persons who have successfully completed a medication administration course reviewed by the Board of Pharmacy Examiners. A medication administration course and periodic update shall be conducted by a registered nurse or licensed pharmacist, and a record of course completion kept on file.

Medication shall not be administered without signed and dated parental written authorization. Medication must be in the original labeled container, either as dispensed or in the manufacturer's container, with the name of the child, name of the medication, the time of day which it is to be given, the dosage and the duration.

Students who have demonstrated competence in administering their own medications may self-administer their medication under the direction of the school nurse or other employees specifically trained and authorized to administer medications. A written statement by the student's parent and the prescriber shall be on file requesting co-administration of medication, and the school health care professional shall corroborate student competence to self-administer medication. Pursuant to Iowa Code, students with asthma or other airway constricting diseases may self-administer their medication upon approval of their parents and prescribing physician regardless of competency.

When administration of the medication requires ongoing professional health judgment, an individual health plan may be developed by the licensed health personnel and other school staff with the student and the student's parent.

A written medication administration record shall be maintained for each child receiving medication and shall include:

- date
- student's name
- prescriber or person authorizing administration
- medication
- medication dosage
- administration time
- administration method

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- name, signature and title of the person administering medication
- time and method of administration
- any unusual circumstances, actions or omissions

Physician authorization may be required when the parent requests non-prescription medication to be administered during the school day on a long-term basis. Medication shall be stored in a secured area unless an alternate provision is documented. Emergency protocols for medication-related reactions shall be posted.

Medication information shall be confidential information and shall be available to District personnel with parent authorization.

Cross References:
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Legal References:
Code of Iowa 124.101(1), 147.107, 152.1, 155A.4(2), 280.16, 280.23;
Iowa Administrative Code
Education (281), 41.12(11); Pharmacy
(657), 8.32(124, 155A); Nursing Board
(655), 6.2(152)

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