

PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

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210. USE OF MEDICATIONS	
1. Purpose	The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication in accordance with the direction of a parent/guardian or family physician to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student; or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not made available during school hours.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, medication shall include over-the-counter, as well as medicines normally prescribed by a physician.
3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.41	<p>Before any medication may be administered by a nurse to any student during school hours, the Board shall require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The written request of the parent/guardian which shall give permission for such administration and relieve the Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication. The request shall include the student's name, name of medication and time it is to be given, and a list of all current medication taken by the student at home or school. 2. The physician's request should include at the minimum, the date, student's name, diagnosis, name of the medication, dosage, how administered, frequency, and length of time to be administered in school. The nurse may also include the following additional information on the request: possible side effects or contraindications, any curtailment of specific school activities, other medications the child may also be taking, and the physician's signature.
4. Guidelines	Only the amount of medication that is needed for the day should be brought to school. An exception can be made for children with long-term conditions. Containers should be clearly marked with the child's name and the name of the medication, and be accompanied by the request forms described above.

Medication is to be turned in to the office immediately upon the student's arrival at school.

All medication given in school will be documented.

The policy regarding medication in school will be distributed to all students, faculty, and administrators upon its adoption, and thereafter to every student upon admission to school and in all student handbooks.

Administration Of Treatments Which Must Be Given During School Hours (Non-Emergency Treatments)

If a non-emergency treatment must be given during school hours, the same procedure is to be followed as with medications: a physician's written request and a parent's/guardian's written request/authorization must be submitted. The school nurse will administer such treatments, which may include intermittent catheterization, suctioning, ostomy care, skin care when braces are required, changing dressings, etc. Parents/Guardians are responsible for supplying, maintaining, and delivering treatment equipment/supplies to the school nurse.

First Aid Care

1. Care will be provided for any condition which arises during school hours, or for pre-existing conditions which become worse during the school day. The school nurse will assess each case and render treatment as needed according to standing orders provided by the school physician.
2. In the nurse's absence, the student will report to the office, where office personnel will provide care for such minor problems as brush burns, bruises, small cuts, and poison ivy, by following established standing orders.
3. A written log will be kept of all treatment provided.
4. The school nurse will be summoned if there is any doubt at all as to the condition or treatment required. If an acute emergency arises and the school nurse is not immediately available, treatment may be provided by any person who received recognized, formal first-aid training. If no such person is immediately available, the school physician, the student's private physician, or the ambulance team should be called.
5. Accident reports will be submitted when a student sustains an injury that requires referral to a physician or dentist or at any other time when deemed necessary by the principal or the school nurse. It is the responsibility of the person supervising

<p>Pol. 210.1</p> <p>5. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>the student at the time that the accident occurs to fill out the accident report and submit it to the principal. The original copy of the report will be filed with the student's health record.</p> <p>6. Students carrying inhalers must notify the nurse that they have to use an inhaler. They must have either a prescription label or a note from the physician on file and a note from the parent/guardian authorizing the student to self-administer the medication. They can be permitted to keep their inhaler in their purse or bookbag.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the administration of medication.</p> <p>If the school nurse is not able to be present at the time the medication is to be given, s/he will arrange for the office personnel to supervise the student's self-administration of the medication. In true emergency situations, as in an acute asthmatic attack, the teacher may administer medication to the student. The school nurse will inform teachers as to which students have such conditions and review with them signs to watch for and steps to take in an emergency, including how and when to administer medication.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1402</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 210.1</p>
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