

## **STUDENTS**

### **Medication at School**

Under normal circumstances, prescription and non-prescription, over-the counter (OTC) medication, should be administered before and/or after school hours under supervision of the parent or guardian.

The District provides for the administration of oral medication, topical medication, eye drops, ear drops, or nasal spray to students at school in accordance with District Procedure 3416P.

No prescribed medication may be administered by injection by staff, except when a student is susceptible to a pre-determined life-endangering situation. The parent will submit a written statement which grants a staff member the authority to act according to the specific written orders and supporting directions provided by a licensed health professional prescribing within his or her prescriptive authority. Such medication will be administered by staff trained by the supervising registered nurse to administer such an injection.

The use of injectable medication for the treatment of anaphylaxis is covered in District Policy 3419 and Procedures 3419P (Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medication) and District Policy 3420 and Procedure 3420P (Anaphylaxis Prevention).

The Superintendent or designee will establish procedures for:

1. Training, delegating, and supervising the administration of medications to students;
2. Designating staff members who may administer medication to students;
3. Obtaining signed and dated parent/guardian requests and instruction for the administration of medicine;
4. Obtaining requests from licensed health professionals prescribing within the scope of their prescriptive authority and instructions regarding students who require medication for more than fifteen consecutive school days;
5. Identifying the medication to be administered;
6. Safekeeping of medication with special attention to safeguarding legend drugs;
7. Maintaining records pertaining to the administration of medications;
8. Permitting, under limited circumstances, students to carry and self-administer medications necessary to their attendance at school; and

9. Permitting possession and self-administration of over-the-counter topical sunscreen products.

If the school decides to discontinue administering a student's medication, the Superintendent or designee will provide notice to the student's parent/guardian orally and in writing prior to the discontinuance.

### **Medical Marijuana**

RCW 69.51A.060 provides that a school may permit a minor who meets certain requirement to consume medical marijuana on school grounds. However, marijuana is classified as an illegal controlled substance under federal law (21 U.S.C. § 811). Therefore, the use of marijuana is not permitted on any school grounds, district provided transportation, or at any other school related activities.

Cross References:     Policy 3415 – Accommodating Students with Diabetes  
                                  3420 – Anaphylaxis Prevention  
                                  3419 – Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications

Legal References:     RCW 28A.210.260     Public and Private Schools--Administration of Medication --Conditions  
                                  RCW 28A.210.270     Public and Private Schools--Administration of Medication by--Immunity from Liability-Discontinuance, Procedure  
                                  RCW 28A.210.275     Administration of medications by employees not licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW – Requirements – Immunity from liability  
                                  RCW 28A.210.278     Topical sunscreen products-Sun Safety guidelines

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