

## CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

### ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

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- I. Any medication, either prescription or nonprescription, to be administered to a student on school premises or at school functions (including field trips) must be brought to the school by the parent/guardian/authorized adult representative for retention and administering. No student will be allowed to have medication, prescription or nonprescription, with the exception of an epinephrine auto-injector, an asthma inhaler, an insulin pen, or medication for pancreatic insufficiency or cystic fibrosis in his or her possession on school premises, on a school bus, or at a school function. Students will be allowed to carry epinephrine auto-injectors, asthma inhalers, insulin pens, or medication for pancreatic insufficiency or cystic fibrosis with parental permission and physician's signature on the "Dispersion of Medication Form."
- II. Medication(s) brought to the school must be in the original prescription container, properly labeled with the child's name, doctor, name of medication, route, dosage, directions, and expiration date. A "Dispersion of Medication Form" must be completed for each prescription and a method of disposal of any unused or expired medication designated. The medication must be counted jointly by the parent or guardian and a school staff member, and the parent or guardian and school staff member must both sign the "Registry of Medication Form" when the initial prescription is brought to the school. A copy of the form can be found in the Health Services Manual.
- III. Parents are encouraged to request prescriptions for medications which limit administration during school hours. First morning doses should be given at home with only mid-day doses administered by a school staff member. Doses missed at home will not be administered by school staff.
- IV. Medication(s) will not be provided by the school except under the provisions of section VI.
- V. A diabetic student can be provided a diabetic plan developed using the "Guidelines for Managing Diabetes in the School Setting" form found in the [Health Services Manual](#).
- VI. Administration of Emergency Medication

Schools may purchase and maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors to use when a student, staff or faculty member is having an anaphylactic reaction. The medication shall be kept in a secure location accessible only to trained personnel. This epinephrine is for anaphylactic reactions where there is no epinephrine prescribed.

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- A. The School Board shall adopt a protocol, developed by a licensed physician, for the administration of epinephrine in emergency situations.
- B. Only school personnel who are trained to recognize an anaphylactic reaction and certified to administer an epinephrine auto-injector or a person who is authorized by an authorized health care practitioner shall be permitted to administer this medication; however, the auto-injector may be given to a student, staff or faculty member who is authorized to self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector.
- C. Under the provisions of Florida Statutes, the District, trained and certified personnel, or an uncertified person who administers an epinephrine auto-injector under the authorization of an authorized health care provider shall not be liable for any injury resulting from the administration of an auto-injector provided that school personnel were trained or authorized as provided by law, followed the established protocol and believed that the student was having an anaphylactic reaction.

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