

Prescription Medication

The district recognizes that the administration of prescription medication to students and/or student self-medication may be necessary when the failure to take such medication during school hours would prevent the student from attending school, and recognizes a need to ensure the health and well-being of students who require regular doses or injections of medication as a result of experiencing a severe allergic reaction or have a need to manage hypoglycemia, asthma or diabetes. When a licensed health care professional is not immediately available, a designated trained staff member may administer to a student epinephrine, glucagon or other medications as prescribed and allowed by Oregon law.

When directed by a physician or other licensed health care professional, students in grades K-12 will be allowed to self-administer prescription medication, including medication for asthma or severe allergy as defined by state law and subject to age-appropriate guidelines.

A written treatment plan for a student who self-administers medication will be developed and signed by a physician¹ or other Oregon licensed health care professional and kept on file. A written request and permission form signed by a parent or guardian is required and will be kept on file. If the student is deemed to have violated Board policy or medical protocol by the district, the district may revoke the permission given to a student to self-administer medication.

All requests for the district to administer prescription medication to a student shall include the written permission of the parent or guardian and shall be accompanied by written instruction from a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner. A prescription label prepared by a pharmacist will be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements for a physician's order.

The district reserves the right to reject a request to administer or allow self-administration of a medication when such medication is not necessary for the student to remain in school.

A premeasured dose of epinephrine may be administered by designated, trained district staff to any student or other individual on school premises, who the personnel believe, in good faith, is experiencing a severe allergic reaction, regardless of whether the student or individual has a prescription for epinephrine.

A process shall be established by which, upon parent written request, a backup prescribed auto injectable epinephrine is kept at a reasonable, secured location in the student's classroom as provided by state law.

Training shall be provided to designated staff as required by law in accordance with approved protocols as established by the Oregon Health Authority. Staff designated to receive training shall also receive blood borne pathogens training. Current first-aid and CPR cards are strongly encouraged for designated staff.

¹ Added to Oregon Revised Statute 678.410: A registered nurse who is employed by a public or private school may accept an order from a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in another state or territory of the U.S. if the order is related to the care of treatment of a student who has been enrolled at the school for not more than 90 days (HB3149 (2015). (This is to allow time for new students to find an Oregon licensed physician.)

Prescription medication will be handled, stored, monitored, disposed of and records maintained in accordance with established district regulations governing administering noninjectable or injectable, or prescription or nonprescription medicines to students including procedures for the disposal of sharps and glass.

The superintendent will ensure student health management plans are developed as required by training protocols, maintained on file and pertinent health information is provided to district staff as appropriate.

Such plans will include provisions for administering medication and/or responding to emergency situations while the student is in school, at a school-sponsored activity, under the supervision of school personnel, in before-or after-school care programs on school-owned property and in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

This policy and administrative regulation shall not prohibit, in any way, the administration of recognized first aid to students by district employees in accordance with established state law, Board policy and procedures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 109.640
ORS 339.866 to 339.871
ORS 433.800 - 433.830
ORS 475.005 to 475.285
OAR 166-400-0010(17)
OAR 166-400-0060(29)
OAR 333-055-0000 to -0035
OAR 581-021-0037
OAR 581-022-0705
OAR 851-047-0030
OAR 851-047-0040