

## **Students**

**Summary:** Students should not take medication during school hours unless it is necessary for a student's health and well being. If it is necessary to take medication during school hours, the student's guardian must submit a completed and signed "School Medication Authorization Form".

### **Administering Medicines to Students**

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow the District's procedures on dispensing medication.

No School District employee shall administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed "School Medication Authorization Form" is submitted by the student's parent/guardian. No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this policy and its implementing procedures.

### **Self-Administration and Self-Carry of Asthma Medication and Epinephrine Auto-Injectors**

A student may self-administer and/or self-carry an epinephrine auto-injector and/or medication prescribed for asthma for immediate use at the student's discretion while in school, at a school sponsored activity, under the supervision of school personnel, or before or after normal school activities, provided the student's parent/guardian has submitted a completed and signed "School Medication Authorization Form." The School District shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of asthma medication or epinephrine auto-injector or the storage of any such medication by school personnel. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector and/or asthma medication, or the storage of any such medication by school personnel.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

### **District Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine Auto-Injectors**

The Superintendent or designee shall implement Section 22-30(f) of the School Code and maintain a supply of undesignated epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of the District and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. This section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for school epinephrine auto-injectors and a standing protocol from a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or (2) fill the District's prescription for school epinephrine auto-injectors.

Upon implementation of this subsection and Section 22-30(f) of the School Code, the protections from liability and hold harmless provisions as explained in Section 22-30(c) of the School Code apply.

No one, including without limitation parents/guardians of students, should rely on the District for the availability of an epinephrine auto-injector. This policy does not guarantee the availability of an

epinephrine auto-injector; students and their parents/guardians should consult their own physician regarding this medication.

The Superintendent or designee shall include this policy in the Parent/Student Handbook and shall provide a copy to the parents/guardians of students within 15 days after the beginning of each school year, or within 15 days after starting classes for a student who transfers into the District.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14b, 5/10-22.21b, and 5/22-30.

Cross-REF: 6:240 (Field Trips and Recreational Trips), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

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