

Antietam School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

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	<p style="text-align: center;">210. USE OF MEDICATIONS</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>2.Definition For purposes of this policy, "medication" shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician, any patient drug, pain reliever, and/or cough medications.</p> <p>3.Authority The Board recognizes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The timetable for the taking of medication cannot avoid school hours. 2. The taking of medication facilitates the education of the students. 3. The school's role is to help parents fulfill their responsibility for the health of their children. <p>Therefore, guidelines for the administration of medication to students by school personnel, during school and non-school hours, has been developed. (See 210-AR)</p> <p>The District supports, and adopts, the Pennsylvania Department of Health recommendation that no medication will be administered to Antietam School District students by school personnel during school hours or at any school sponsored activity, except by the written request of a parent or prescribed by a physician.</p> <p>4. Guidelines <u>Prescription/Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medications</u></p> <p>The school nurse or his/her designee will dispense all medications.</p> <p>If medication is required for a student during the school day, the following steps must be followed:</p>
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1. Medication (either OTC or prescription) must be brought to school by a parent, guardian, or designated adult.
2. In the event a parent/guardian is unable to bring the medication to school, the medication must be placed in a sealed envelope that states the number of pills in the bottle. The sealed envelope with the medications must be brought by the student immediately to the nurse upon his/her arrival to school.
3. Any prescription medication must be accompanied by a written doctor order and parent permission specifically stating medication may be administered at school.
4. Medications must be in the original container if OTC, or in a properly labeled prescription container (with name of drug, dosage, route of administration, and the time interval of the dose). Prescriptions must include the student's name, and name of the prescribing licensed health care provider.
 - 4.1 OTC medications distributed by the school (ie. Tylenol, cough medicine, etc.) are only dispensed upon approval by the parent/guardian on the child's emergency record.
5. The medication and permission notes should be given to the school nurse, or designated person in that building immediately upon arrival at school.
6. The Medication Policy Information Form with designated areas for the above information will be provided by the school.
7. All medications are counted, and individual medication logs are prepared for each medication received for a student.
8. All medications are secured in a locked area in the health room.
9. Classroom teachers are notified of the time a student is to receive a medication. Students are to report to the health room at the proper time. Students not appearing at the appropriate time are contacted by the nurse.
10. Prescription medication will not be sent home with a student. The parent, guardian, or designated adult must pick up unused prescription medication. Medication which is left at the end of the school year will be destroyed after reasonable notification to parent/guardian.
11. A request for long-term medication administration at school must be updated at the beginning of each school year.

Inhalers

1. Follow Guidelines 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 – 11 under Prescription and OTC Medications.
2. Any inhaler must be accompanied by a written statement from the student's physician confirming the need for the use of the drug at school, and proper dosage instructions.
3. Inhaler medications must be in a properly labeled prescription box (with name of drug, dosage, and the time interval of the dose). Prescription box label must also include the student's name, and the name of the prescribing licensed health care provider.
4. In the event an inhaler is unable to be brought by a parent, guardian, or designated adult, it must be brought by the student immediately to the school nurse upon his/her arrival to school.
5. In the event a student requires permission for self-administration of an inhaler during the school day, the following guidelines must be followed:
 - a. Written permission and direction for student self-administration of the inhaler at school must be obtained from the licensed health care provider along with written permission from the parent/guardian.
 - b. The school nurse will assess the student's ability to self-administer the inhaler using an Individual Health Care Plan.
6. All inhalers will be kept in the health room with the exception of students who have written permission from the doctor to self-administer. These students may use their inhaler as needed, but must check in with the nurse after each use or as specified on a student's Individual Health Care Plan.

Medication Procedures on Field Trips

1. The classroom teacher will be designated by the school nurse to administer any medication needed on a field trip.
2. The medication needed on the field trip must be documented by the parent on the Health Information section on the Field Trip Information Sheet provided by the classroom teacher.
3. The parent will need to bring in to the school nurse any "as needed" medications for their child that are not kept at school with a signed parent note

that includes the stated medical condition with specific instructions (name of medication, dosage, time to be given, and directions).

4. The classroom teacher has the right to request parent/guardian attendance in order for a child to be permitted to attend the field trip if the teacher does not feel comfortable with administering a particular medication.